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INSIDE

COUNCIL FAILS IN BID FOR CINEMA

Authority's multi-million pound push for eye-sore misses out on shortlist

By **JON COATES**

A BID by council bosses to buy the cinema site at the heart of Tunbridge Wells and regenerate the eyesore has failed.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council submitted an undisclosed offer for the prime development site on the corner of Mount Pleasant Road and Church Road before a deadline for bids closed on August 16.

Council leaders said they wanted to buy the former ABC cinema site, which has become derelict after sitting empty for the last 10 years, to make sure it was rejuvenated as quickly as possible.

About 20 bidders put in offers for the site, which had been placed on the open market in May for unconditional offers in excess of £8 million. But it has now emerged the local authority has failed to make the shortlist of three which the owner is now considering selling the cinema site to.

Jonathan MacDonald, the council's director of regeneration and sustainability, said: "We made a very competitive bid but we have been notified that our bid is not being taken forward.

"The reason we made the bid was that we wanted to control the site to make sure it was developed well and within the shortest timeframe possible.

"It is hugely important to the town that the chosen buyer gets on and delivers a high quality development quickly."

He added: "Our understanding is that the agent is carrying out checks on a number of shortlisted parties and we are watching with interest.

"We will certainly work with the chosen developer as it is hugely important to the town, to the council and to the community of the town, that the biggest 'grot spot' in the town centre is dealt with quickly and efficiently.

"This site has lain dormant for too long. That is the reason we made a bid, but presumably other bidders have offered more.

"We took professional advice about the level of bid we should make. It is perfectly possible that other bidders have made other assumptions."

Ian Fowler, a director of Savills in

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Our pilgrims and the Pope

His visit was hailed a success, with crowds lining the streets wherever he went. This week we catch up with just some of those from our region who made the pilgrimage to catch a glimpse of Pope Benedict XVI as he made the first Papal visit to the UK for 28 years.

SEE INSIDE FOR FULL STORY

Train toilet relief for passengers

RAIL bosses have announced that they are not planning to run trains without toilets in west Kent.

Southern Railways currently runs services without toilets between Brighton in East Sussex and Seaford in West Sussex, which allows carriages to have more seats.

From December, it will start running trains between Brighton and Portsmouth in Hampshire without public conveniences, as these are "stopping services" where passengers normally make journeys of less than 30 minutes.

It sparked uproar as those making the complete journey can be on the train for up to 90 minutes – prompting fears it could be rolled out to their services which go through the East Sussex and Kent border.

But a spokesman for the rail operator, which runs services from Tonbridge via Redhill to Guildford and Reigate in Surrey, and from Uckfield via Crowborough, Cowden, Hever and Edenbridge to Croydon and London terminals, said: "There are no plans to use trains without toilets further east than Brighton."

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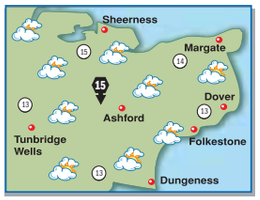

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It will be a largely dry day with some sunny spells, but with variable amounts of cloud. However, there will be a small chance of the odd isolated light shower. It will feel chilly with a moderate to fresh northerly wind. Temperatures below average for this time of year. Max temp 12-15C (54-59F).

Sun & Moon

Sunrise	6.46am	Sunset	6.47pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	6.57pm	Moonset	9.11am	6.47pm to 6.47am

High Tides

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Margate	01.42	4.6	13.56	4.8	02.10	4.6	14.27	4.7
St Mary's	06.27	5.5	18.42	5.6	06.55	5.5	19.11	5.5

Around Britain

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Aberdeen	cloudy	12	54	Edinburgh	cloudy	14	57	Newcastle	fair	13	55
Belfast	fair	13	55	Glasgow	fair	13	55	Norwich	drizzle	15	59
B'ham	cloudy	14	57	Isle of Man	sun	13	55	Oxford	fair	15	59
B'mouth	cloudy	15	59	Leeds	cloudy	12	54	Southsea	fair	16	61
Bristol	fair	14	57	London	cloudy	15	59	S'hampton	fair	14	57
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GROT SPOT: Former cinema site in Tunbridge Wells

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Sevenoaks, which is the property agent handling the sale, refused to reveal the names of the three parties shortlisted to buy the site.

He said: "We have three shortlisted bids which the client is currently considering. We are going through the process of further due diligence on these three parties and the client is not due to make a decision on them for another two or three weeks.

"It is still a competition, so we cannot reveal the identity of the parties, but we want to get the purchase completed before the end of the year and at the moment we are on target to achieve this."

Supermarket giant Waitrose is believed to be interested in opening a store on the site but is not thought to have bid directly for it.

Labour's united front over leadership fight

By **JON COATES**
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LABOUR Party members have been urged to get behind their new leader so they can provide an effective opposition to the coalition Government.

The winner of the leadership contest is due to be announced today, with Ed Miliband emerging as the front-runner in a recent poll.

He had been seen as the outsider, with his older brother David expected to become the new Labour leader.

Tunbridge Wells Labour Party last month declared its support for the younger brother, the former energy and climate change secretary.

They were followed by Maidstone and Weald Labour Party, who also believe he is the right man to take the party forward.

However, Tonbridge and Malling Labour Party, and Sevenoaks and Swanley Labour Party, both declared their backing for the older brother, the former foreign secretary.

They will be hoping the YouGov survey of Labour party members and trade unionists for the Sunday Times does not mirror the final result.

The poll gave Ed Miliband a small lead over David, who had been considered the leader-in-waiting by many throughout the four-month contest. After taking into account second preference votes, it puts younger brother Ed on 51 per cent, with the older brother David on 49 per cent.

YouGov polled more than 1,000 Labour Party members and 718 members of trade unions affiliated to the party for the survey.

This put David four points ahead of his brother in first preference votes, on 36 per cent compared with 32 per cent.

The other three leadership candidates – Andy Burnham, Ed Balls and Diane Abbott – were shown to be languishing well behind the Milibands.

MILIBANDS SPLIT PARTY SUPPORT

Ed and David both secure endorsement of local Labour groups in race to lead party

Online archive offers a pictorial blast from past

FLASHBACK: Our report of August 8

Mr Burnham, the former health secretary, was in third on 12 per cent; Mr Balls, the former schools secretary, was fourth on 11 per cent; and backbencher Ms Abbott last on nine per cent.

David Miliband's support was shown to be much higher among MPs and MEPs – on 41 per cent compared with 29 per cent for his brother. But Ed was well in the lead with trade union members, on 36 per cent to David's 29.

The close nature of the contest has made second preference votes crucial and assuming the support for Mr Burnham, Mr Balls and Ms Abbott is divided equally between the two brothers, YouGov predicts that the younger Miliband will end up with 51 per cent of the vote – and become the new party leader.

But Ray Moon, the chairman of Tunbridge Wells Labour Party, called for unity whatever the outcome this weekend.

He said: "We nominated Ed Miliband and support his way forward and his policies to project the Labour Party in a different light than that seen in the last election.

"But my only hope is that whoever is elected as leader, that all of the party gets behind them so we can get back to being a viable opposition."

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PR firm brought in to advise council

COUNCIL chiefs have defended a decision to employ the services of a PR company for the next three months.

Cobb PR, based in Eastbourne, East Sussex, will provide "strategic communications advice" to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council while it seeks to fill a senior press officer post, which has been vacant since the restructuring process to cut costs earlier this year.

The move has been criticised by Cllr David Neve, the leader of the Liberal Democrat opposition on the council.

He said: "It is outrageous to cut the post of the previous person and now bring in a PR company, which has not gone before council.

"This is an attempt to cover up the cock-ups made over the cinema site and the Town Hall."

In response, William Benson, the chief executive of the council, said: "The previous postholder was made redundant as part of the council-wide restructure earlier this year, which replaced a communications manager with a less expensive senior communications officer.

"The restructure proposals were subject to extensive consultation and member approval, and resulted in savings of over £1 million a year, which will help the council absorb the likely future cuts in Government grant.

"Following two unsuccessful attempts to appoint to the vacant senior communications officer post, the council has appointed Cobb PR to provide strategic communications advice for a period of three months.

"With a number of key issues facing the council – not least proposals for the redevelopment of the town centre – we felt it was important to ensure that the council had the capacity and expertise to ensure that residents, visitors and stakeholders are informed and offered the opportunity to shape them."

Lapland UK sales

BOOKINGS for Lapland UK are 33 per cent up on last year, according to chiefs of the Christmas attraction.

Staged at Bewl Water between December 4 and 24, tickets went on sale in the summer to see a recreation of Father Christmas in his Arctic homeland.

Mike Battle, founder and managing director, said: "Families are still keen to visit us in these challenging economic times. We have surveyed previous visitors and taken their suggestions on board."

Tickets this year are up to 40 per cent reduced on last year's criticised high prices.

Plans for Blighs

A SCALE model of the proposed redevelopment of land west of Blighs Meadow in Sevenoaks is touring the district.

The model can be seen at Sevenoaks town centre by Costa Coffee from 10am to 4pm this Saturday, at the Plaza Suite at the Stag Community Arts Centre from 11am to 3pm on Tuesday, October 5, and at the Sevenoaks District Council offices from 6pm to 9pm on Thursday, November 11.

Local people will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal and find out more at the consultation events.

For more information on the scheme, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/blighs.

Search for burglar

A COMPUTER-generated image has been released by officers hunting a man in connection with a distraction burglary.

The man talked his way into an elderly woman's home in Riddlesdale Avenue, Tunbridge Wells by claiming her water may have been contaminated by a gas explosion.

Anyone with information about the man's identity should call police on 01732 379217 or Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

English Heritage hint demolition not an option for civic centre

Town Hall proposal hits stumbling block

EXCLUSIVE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

ENGLISH Heritage has said that a "reasonable amount of change" to the Grade II-listed Town Hall complex in Tunbridge Wells would be possible – but appear to rule out demolition.

The organisation, which advises the Government on whether listed buildings can be altered or demolished, said it was aware that the borough council was looking at future options for the Civic Way site.

Speculation over the local authority's plans for the buildings, which were built in 1939 and have retained original art deco and art nouveau features, has been rife.

Its future hangs on winning the approval of English Heritage, should it be decided to try and sell the site for redevelopment. If it said the building could not be altered or demolished, the scheme would falter.

Responding to English Heritage's assertion that changing the buildings was possible, Alastair Tod, chair of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society, said: "I think it is a little worrying.

"English Heritage does not know how far the council has gone. We in turn know that the council plans major change and possibly even comprehensive demolition of the Town Hall buildings. The council is not willing to discuss with outside bodies what its plans are, therefore by mutual ignorance neither side knows what the other is trying to achieve."

The complex includes the Assembly Hall Theatre, the library, museum and art gallery and the police station.

Council chiefs have said that residents will be consulted on options for the buildings next month, but what is certain is that they want to bring big brands to the town centre.

Options

A spokeswoman for English Heritage, which protects and promotes our historic environment, said: "English Heritage is aware that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is looking at options for the Grade II-listed civic buildings.

"We stand ready to have pre-application discussions with them about this significant group of historic buildings.

"We believe a reasonable amount of change will be possible for the buildings without risk of unacceptable loss of the architectural and historical interest which merits their Grade II-listed status.

"We are ready to discuss this in more detail with the council and to help them consider each building on its merits and for what it contributes to the group and to the conservation area.

"Our aim is to ensure that the buildings have a sustainable future and continue to contribute to life in the town."

The civic society has been campaigning against redevelopment plans for the Town Hall.

Mr Tod said: "I think the only commercial advantage, if that is the way of thinking, would be to clear the site, because anything less is not worth doing because of the limits on development."

OPTIONS OPEN: The council is considering the future of Tunbridge Wells Town Hall

The English Heritage spokeswoman added: "English Heritage is not routinely involved in most listed building consent applications for Grade II-listed buildings, unless they involve a significant amount of change or demolition.

"In the case of local authority-owned listed buildings, however, English Heritage must be consulted on changes."

The Town Hall is among a series of municipal buildings designed by Percy Thomas, then president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Ernest Prestwich after a competition in 1934.

English Heritage describes them as neo-Georgian with Moderne details.

• ***More on the town centre debate – turn to pages 10 and 11.***

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Pope proves big hit as UK visit pulls in crowds

By **JON COATES**
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CATHOLICS have spoken of their joy at "once-in-a-lifetime" trips to see the Pope during his official visit to Britain.

Members of Roman Catholic churches in Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Pembury and Paddock Wood made pilgrimages to see Pope Benedict XVI on his four-day visit to Britain.

At the centre of the visit was a Mass for the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, a 19th century English convert to Catholicism who became one of the faith's most prolific thinkers and writers, in Birmingham.

The Pope, who appeared happy and relaxed throughout his visit, also led a vigil in Hyde Park in London.

Father Liam Gallagher, who is shared by St Anselm Roman Catholic Church in Lower Green Road, Pembury, and St Justus Roman Catholic Church in Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood, said 15 of his parishioners went up to Hyde Park and one to Birmingham.

James Leeper, who runs Adsum Auxilium management consultants in Tonbridge and lives in Tudeley, went to the Beatification Mass – a journey that took some five hours, starting a little after midnight.

He boarded a bus in Tunbridge Wells at 12.45am, which arrived in Birmingham at about 4.30am, before walking for 10 minutes to Cofton Park, where he waited four hours for the Pope to arrive.

Mr Leeper said: "It was drizzling, which turned to heavier rain as morning broke, but as the Pope arrived the rain began to ease and the sun came out and shone for the whole time he was there."

He added: "The whole occasion was very pleasant and enjoyable. We were thoroughly dampened beforehand, but it was a good experience. For me, it was a real pleasure to see the Pope arrive in this country and take the wind out of the sails of the criticism straight away.

"He opened himself up to be seen as who he is, a very gentle and pleasant man, someone who is very different from Pope John Paul II and a very deep thinker, like Cardinal Newman. For me it was inspirational to see him as a man demonstrate humility and penitence."

TWO pupils from a Catholic school took part in an assembly with the Pope at Twickenham on the second day of his official visit to Britain.

Tom Harrington-Vogt, 16, a pupil at St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School, read a prayer in front of 3,000 young people from across the UK at The Big Assembly on September 17.

While he was doing this, Chris Styles, 14, who also attends the school in Tunbridge Wells and is deaf, signed the prayer with help from teacher Jenny Griffiths.

In the audience at the London venue were school chaplain Julianna Byrne, and head boy Joe Kyne with head girl Roisin Kavanagh, both 17.

Mr Harrington-Vogt said: "When the Pope arrived the atmosphere changed completely. Everyone was shouting, screaming, waving their flags and singing songs.

"It was an honour to be on the platform with the Pope and an experience I'll never forget."

Vigil

Giulia Di Nardo, who is also a parishioner of Father Gallagher and lives in Pembury, went to Hyde Park to see His Holiness with daughter Isabella, 12, who is a pupil at St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School in Tunbridge Wells.

They were part of a group of 13 adults and two children taken up to the vigil in the London park last Saturday by church member Robert Tricker.

She said: "Everyone had brought picnics to Hyde Park. There was a big screen and before the Pope arrived at 6pm, youth groups performed mimes and there was choral music.

"It was like a big party. The Pope came from Westminster and we were able to follow his progress on the big screen, so as he got nearer everyone got more and more excited. My daughter said this was the best bit.

"A vigil is not like a mass. It is an address and then prayer in between. It was stunning to see absolute silence in a park in the middle of London for the prayer.

"I took my daughter as she is 12, which is the age I was when Pope John Paul II came over here 30 years ago and I saw him."

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Parish of Sevenoaks said 70 of its parishioners travelled up to Hyde Park in London and another 30 made the long journey to Birmingham to see the Pope.

A coach also took members of St Augustine's Catholic Church in Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, up to Birmingham for the Beatification Mass of Cardinal Newman.

RELAXED: Pope Benedict XVI last week

Fond tributes to comic, 40, after battle with leukaemia

POPULAR entertainer Stephen Upsall was bid an emotional farewell by his friends and family at his funeral.

The stand-up comic and actor, who was 40 and lived in Rotherfield with his partner Liz Burnett, died suddenly on September 4, shortly after being diagnosed with leukaemia and starting chemotherapy.

About 200 people attended his funeral service at St Augustine's Catholic Church in Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday. This was followed by a cremation at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium in Benhall Mill Road and a wake at the Trinity Theatre in Church Road.

Glen Marks, the chairman of Tunbridge Wells Theatre Company, of which Mr Upsall was a cherished member, said: "There was a mix of friends from all parts of his life, from old friends to work colleagues and theatre friends, as well as his family.

"It was a traditional service, a full requiem mass, with tributes read at the end by his family and close friends."

MISSED: Stephen with his children

He added: "There was laughter and tears, and for the wake at the Trinity afterwards there were lots of photos of Stephen from a young boy through different parts of his life."

Mr Upsall was a former pupil of St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School in Tunbridge Wells.

He joined the Army's Royal Corps of Signals aged 16, but returned to the town in 1995 and performed in numerous Tunbridge Wells Theatre Company plays over the years.

He was also well-known in the town for his comedy nights. He leaves behind two children from previous relationships.

Kew expert guest lecturer at castle

THE HEAD of the arboretum at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew will be the star turn at Lullingstone Castle next weekend.

Tony Kirkham will present the third Lullingstone Guest Lecture on Saturday, October 2.

To open the afternoon, a guided tour of the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle will be led by its creator Tom Hart Dyke who will highlight some of the plant species that now flourish.

The afternoon will be rounded off with the illustrated talk by Kew's most active plant collector, Tony Kirkham. Tickets cost £30.

Charity kart race

AN ESTATE agent held a sponsored karting race between its sales and lettings teams to raise funds for a charity and a hospital.

Alexandre Boyes, based in Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, took its staff to Team Sport Crawley go-karting track for the contest on September 16.

The race, which was won by the sales team, has so far raised £550 to be shared by the Children's Trust and the special baby care unit at Pembury Hospital.

Star with Mr Toad

AUDITIONS for youngsters to appear in the Trinity Theatre's Christmas show, The Adventures of Mr Toad, will be taking place next weekend.

Two groups are required to be the woodland animals, such as the stoats and weasels.

Those interested in taking part should register on the website at www.trinitytheatre.net or email mrtoad@trinitytheatre.net before next Saturday's auditions.

The shows run from December 11 to 31, with 22 performances in total.

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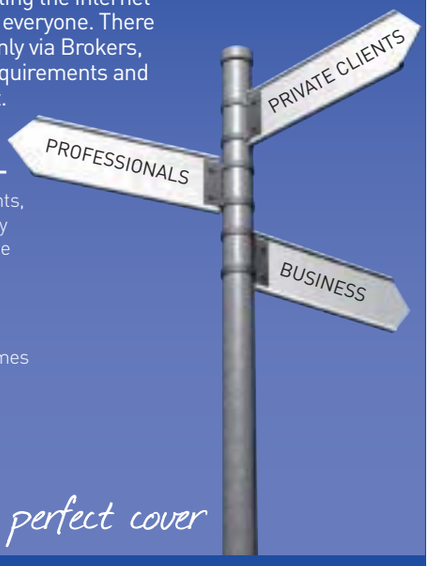

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JENNA PUDELEK

Northern exposure provided best-seller Cox's novel outlet

FROM a deprived childhood growing up in post-war Blackburn, Josephine Cox has gone on to sell more than 15 million novels worldwide.

The best-selling author, who is taking part in the Tonbridge Arts Festival next month, said her upbringing and the colourful characters that filled it have provided a constant source of inspiration for her work.

But the ideas for her novels do not just come from her "difficult childhood".

Mrs Cox, who is 68, started writing during a six-week hospital stay when she was 40 and has not stopped since – producing 42 books over the last 22 years.

"If I ever run out of stories, which I don't think I will, I start where I lived. Those 40 houses where families of six to 10 people lived, every one of those people has a story," she said.

Conversation

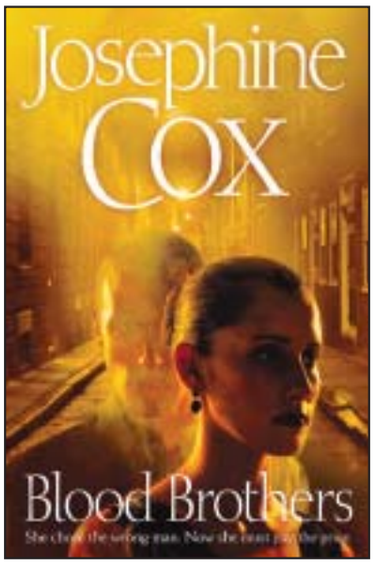
"And when I sit on a train and hear a conversation between people it kicks off a story. Sometimes I'll be walking down a road and I'll see a face and I think of a story."

But it was events from her childhood and specifically a story based on her father, who worked as a road-sweeper and would drink away his week's wages, sometimes turning violent, that launched her prolific writing career.

"I grew up in quite an impoverished road where everyone struggled to survive. It was a very difficult childhood, but there was lots of love," she said.

"I used to sit on the steps watching the world go by from the age of four. Everything I ever saw, all the characters, their lives, stayed with me."

Her career is set to see another high as the author revealed she is in talks about turning her latest book, Blood Brothers, into a film.



SCREEN TEST: Josephine Cox, right, is having talks about filming Blood Brothers

She describes the story of two brothers in love with the same woman, saying: "It is a very dark, cruel story."

Her next novel, Midnight, which she was copy-editing as we spoke earlier this week, also has a sinister side.

Asked if her novels are getting darker, she said: "There's always a darkness because there has been a lot of darkness in my life.

"My childhood was very grim and deprived. There was a lot of violence in the house when my dad was drunk.

"But there is also joy, laughter and love."

Mrs Cox married aged just 16 and with her husband, Ken, worked full-time to get a mortgage and went on to have two sons.

When the boys started school, she decided it was her opportunity to get an education and even won a place at Cambridge University, which she could not take up due to family commitment.

"I went to college, went to get my teacher training, but that first story stayed with me and eventually became my first book, Her Father's Sins, which is loosely based on my own childhood," she said.

It was only when she was teaching and fell ill that she was able, during a six-week stay in hospital, to write 'that' book.

The first print run sold out overnight and she ended up having to write a 'Queenie' (the character in her debut book) sequel. She said: "It was amazing – no one was more astonished than me."

Characters

Asked why she thinks her story struck such a chord with readers, she said: "I was giving a talk in Ireland and they said, 'It's because your characters are so real and we can identify with them'."

Her novels have been called 'family epics', but she said that summary was too "confining".

"They are also about friends and neighbours. Stories where whatever happens to a character can truly happen down your street or to yourself," she said.

"All my characters are based on people I've known from aged four onwards going through life and everywhere I wrote about is a real place."

Mrs Cox regularly hits the top of the best-seller list with her new novels and last year she was the most borrowed UK adult women's fiction writer.

Mrs Cox will be talking about her latest book and taking part in a question and answer session at the Tonbridge Arts Festival on Friday, October 22, in what she describes as a "two-way meeting of minds".

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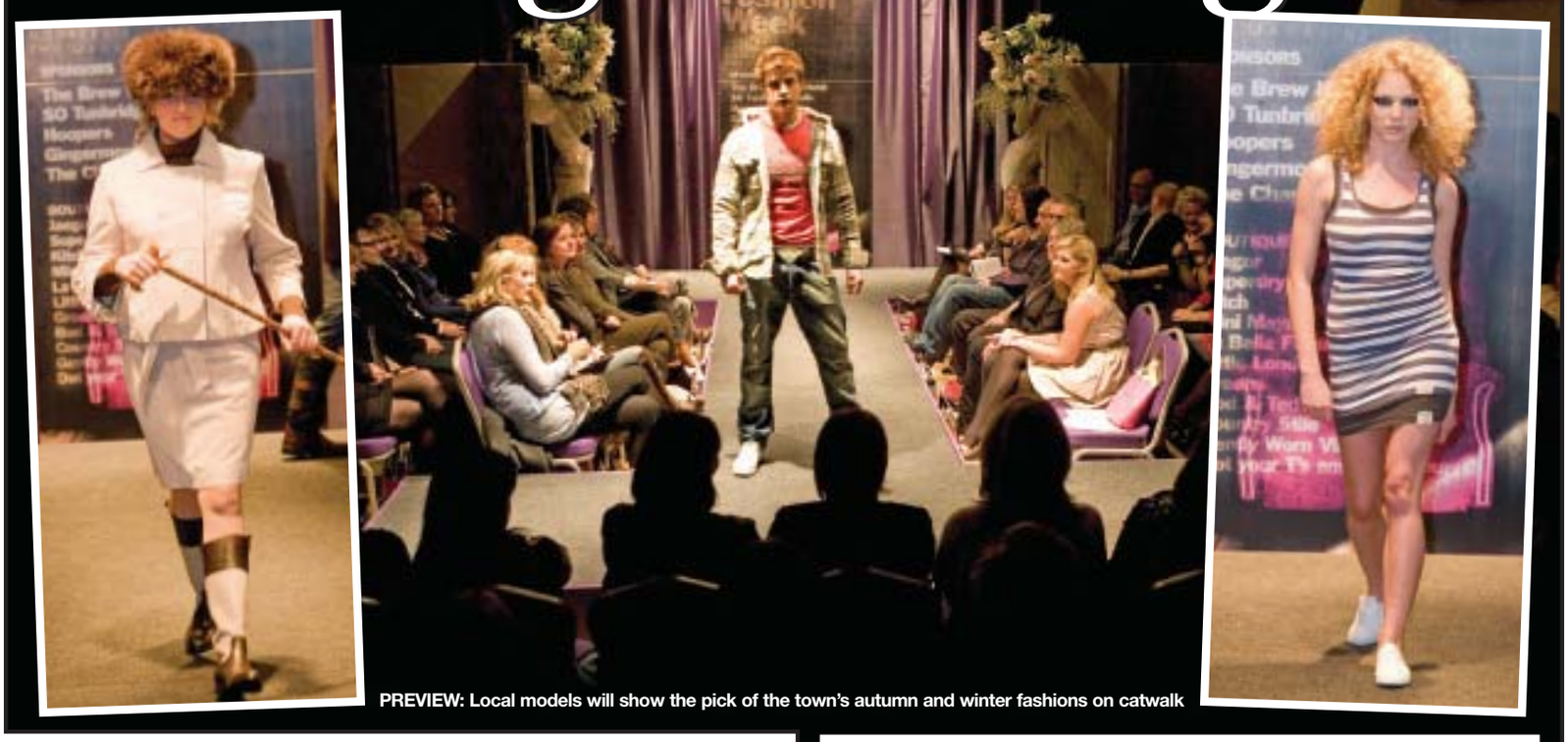

PREVIEW: Local models will show the pick of the town's autumn and winter fashions on catwalk

TUNBRIDGE Wells Fashion Week (TWFW) is back and the catwalk shows for autumn/winter collections promise to be even more stylish and sensational than the first.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

Hot on the heels of London Fashion Week, the event will showcase the latest looks from the town's independent designers, boutiques and luxury fashion retailers including Kitch, La Belle Femme, Little London and Jaeger.

After the success of the spring/summer shows in March, local models will sashay down the catwalk in a selection of stunning pieces on Wednesday, September 29, and Thursday, September 30.

Louise Clark, TWFW founder and chief executive officer at the Brew House Hotel, which will be hosting a gala dinner on October 1, said: "London Fashion Week (LFW) has been celebrating style for 25 years.

"With all the fantastic fashion available in our own town, we're thrilled to be bringing a little of LFW's glitz and glamour here twice a year to showcase what Tunbridge Wells has to offer."

The event has even attracted a celebrity guest – former Bucks Fizz star Cheryl Baker will be at the show on Wednesday night.

Boutiques taking part for the first time include Noa Noa, Any Occasion and independent designer Jackie Dedman.

Co-sponsor of the week is The Magazine People. Along with KOS Media it publishes this newspaper, as well as the successful So magazine.

Managing director Nick Moore said: "The first TWFW in March was a huge success. We're delighted to be associated with the second fashion week in the town.

"The last event helped raise the profile of Tunbridge Wells as a prominent fashion destination. The show is a great opportunity to highlight the variety of autumn/winter looks on offer in the town – from the independent boutiques on the High Street to larger national brands. We hope fashion week will remain a prominent event in the town's social calendar."

Many of the boutiques that took part last time will be returning to exhibit their latest ranges.

Joanna Edwards, owner of La Belle Femme, said: "TWFW was a fantastic way to bring together some of the best-known names in the area and showcase the town's style. We're really looking forward to taking part again."

Bod & Ted's Sophie Brown said they had received great feedback from the first shows.

"We were new to the town so it was a great chance to introduce ourselves. We're excited about bringing our autumn/winter pieces to the catwalk now we're more established."

The shows are being held in The Old School House at the Brew House Hotel at 8pm. Tickets cost £20, which includes entry to the after party.

Tickets are also available to a gala dinner in aid of the NSPCC which includes a three-course meal and a capsule fashion show, auction and night of dancing, with tickets costing £50.

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Now town's film lovers to get their own festival

By JON COATES
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A FILM and arts festival will be held in Tunbridge Wells for the first time next year after a grand launch this week.

The event aims to fill a void in the town, which has a thriving arts and music scene, but until now has not had its own film festival.

Electric Lantern Film and Arts Festival (ELF) is due to take place from Monday, September 5 until Sunday, September 11 in 2011.

It will promote local artists and film-makers, with short film screenings on the weekend of September 9-11 the headline attraction.

A spokeswoman for ELF said: "Tunbridge Wells is a vibrant community with a healthy interest in the arts and many employed in creative fields. It has a thriving music scene, celebrated through Live & Local, and a growing fashion scene, with TW Fashion Week about to mark its second year.

"Galleries and artists abound, but to date, Tunbridge Wells has been lacking an annual event that brings them all together."

The festival is the brainchild of Tunbridge Wells film-maker Samuel Marlow. He co-founded the Lantern Media Festival in 2008, which ran for two years at the Trinity Theatre.

Using his industry contacts, he secured some high-profile headlining feature films, including Ruby Blue, starring Bob Hoskins, and Dummy, featuring Aaron Johnson in his first lead role.

Mr Marlow said: "Film and art should be accessible to all. We want to allow artistic residents a chance to showcase their work, whatever their media or experience.

"We have some very talented professional artists and photographers who live in Tunbridge Wells, alongside keen amateurs, and we hope to provide aspirational artists with the chance to hone their skills."

Workshops

The ideas being considered for ELF include open studios, an art market, art and photography workshops, a young film-maker competition, pub art, outdoor art, al fresco films, festival radio and TV, and a festival newspaper.

The concept for ELF was officially launched at Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday, in association with MeejaHub, the social networking group for media and creative professionals.

Gaynor Edwards, of MeejaHub, said: "We hope, over time, that this festival could grow and be comparable to the Brighton Festival.

"Tunbridge Wells has a similar creative, sometimes eccentric, population who are likely to embrace such an event."

The organisers want to hear from anyone interested in getting involved and from corporate fundraisers.

For more details visit the festival website at www.electriclanternfestival.co.uk or email gaynor@electriclanternfestival.co.uk.

MYSTERY: Do you recognise these girls?

Smiling revellers could solve theft

DETECTIVES have released a picture of a group of young women they are keen to identify in a bid to find the owner of a stolen digital camera.

The camera was confiscated when police searched an address in Edenbridge on September 18.

Officers found the photo of the smiling group saved in the camera when they examined it following the raid. They believe the camera to have been stolen, perhaps during a burglary or handbag theft.

Anyone with information about the picture is asked to contact police on 01732 379217. Information can also be emailed to appeals.westkent@kent.pnn.police.uk.

A20 crash victim

POLICE have named a man killed when his motorbike collided with a street cleaning lorry on the slipway of a busy road.

Derek McCulloch, 58, from Swanley, was pronounced dead at the scene after the incident involving an Iveco Scarab street cleaner on the A20 slip road just outside the town on Monday, September 13.

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Striking a balance between our heritage and progress

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**

POLICE chiefs have waded into the discussion over redevelopment plans for the civic buildings in Tunbridge Wells, describing the site as "designed for policing in the 1930s".

Chief Inspector Martin Wilson, the town's area commander, said less than a third of the police station next to the Assembly Hall Theatre was actively used for office space.

The rest comprised of cells, courtroom and internal exercise yard – all no longer used.

He said: "If this complex is of such architectural and social importance that it is felt it should be kept, then of course we will continue to make the best use of it possible.

"However, if a more appropriate building became available, with more parking space and one which perhaps would be shared with other agencies to deliver financial efficiencies, we would be keen to explore that in these times of funding cuts.

"As a force we are duty-bound on behalf of the taxpayer to explore ways of ensuring our estate is fit for purpose, and will meet the needs of our local community into the future in a way that is cost-efficient."

His comments come amid ongoing debate over the future of the site, which includes the police station, theatre, Town Hall, museum and library.

Ch Insp Wilson added: "We are still committed to having a base in the town centre with a public access front counter, and our quality of service would not need to change. Indeed we are measured on our response times and take great pride in our service."

The discussion comes just weeks before the police are due to learn of massive reductions in government funding as part of the effort to reduce the country's deficit.

Ch Insp Wilson added: "We don't know yet what those cuts will be, but it may be possible to make a significant saving if we had a modern shared facility. Shared reception, shared meeting rooms, shared running costs, and so on, all potentially make good sense. If we were able to save costs there, it could mean less of an impact on frontline resources.

"On a personal note, I think we all have a duty to protect our history, our culture and our public services. However, this doesn't mean standing still, as change and modernisation is also healthy. I suppose the challenge is to get the balance right, and that is what this debate is really about."

• ***What do you think? Join the debate – and put your question directly to Ch Insp Wilson. Email us at tw@kosmedia.co.uk and we'll put your enquiry to the panel of the town's decision makers.***

COMMENT

THE future of Tunbridge Wells town centre goes before public consultation next month.

Yet for many, there is the fear of a fait accompli … that decisions have already been made and public views are irrelevant.

Information has been leaked and released, with knee-jerk reactions to enrage all sides.

The very real danger now is that rumour and speculation cloud what is perhaps the most significant moment in the town's modern history, Because right now we are at a crossroads. The direction the town decides to take now will shape its look and feel for generations.

And YOU can make a difference. Whether you are opposed or supportive, YOU need to enter the debate in order to ensure all views are represented.

Saying nothing, or assuming others will voice your opinion, is not an option. If you love this town, NOW is the time to stand up and be counted.

So when the consultation begins next month, get involved. And if you want issues clarified, we are giving you the very real chance to put your question before the town's decision makers – allowing you to draw your own conclusions straight from the horse's mouth.

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No topic is off limits, so don't miss YOUR chance to be part of the debate and to ask the questions you want answered about the town's future.

'Don't base decisions on speculation'

THE youngest cabinet member on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has urged townsfolk not to react to rumour and speculation over the future of the town centre.

LISTENING POST: Cllr Tracy Moore

Cllr Tracy Moore, 34, the council's cabinet member for economic development and sustainability, says she is desperate for all parts of the community to ensure they have their say in how the town is shaped to take it into the future.

The mother-of-three says she is particularly interested in ensuring young mothers and children have their say.

The former City high-flyer said: "Once we go out to consultation and the people can see what is genuinely on offer and what the alternatives could be, then we want to hear as many opinions as possible.

"At the moment we are getting opinions based on rumours. This is partly our fault, as we have not given the full picture, but when the consultation does start, people can look at all the options.

"There are always people who want to maintain the status quo whatever the circumstances, but I think it is extremely exciting that this town has the chance to look at bringing in a major retail centre.

"This is very important to maintain key employers in the town.

"Traffic and congestion is something we need to be creative in tackling, especially with limited support from the county council and cuts in transport budgets.

"The development of the Town Hall site is one option that is being considered, but it is important to remember that we intend to fully consult on this in October.

"We want to hear from all walks of life in Tunbridge Wells, and not just one section of the community. We want to hear what people want in their town in the future.

"I am elected to represent the people who voted for me and we need to listen to what they have to say."

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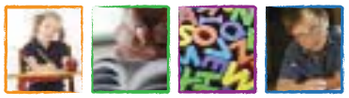

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Dog owners urged to clean up after pets

COUNCIL chiefs have joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy to tackle irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their pets.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is one of 10 areas selected nationwide to take part in the campaign, which aims to get owners who leave their dog's mess littered on our streets, in our parks and around our countryside, to mend their selfish ways.

Dog mess can be thrown in any general litter bin, but a recent Keep Britain Tidy survey shows that four out of five respondents were not aware of this.

So the pressure group has launched a campaign to combat the problem, which was kicked off in Tonbridge on Tuesday.

The council's Cleaner Borough team were out and about in the Watergate area in Tonbridge High Street throughout the morning, dressed as fairies to spread the message that "there is no dog poo fairy".

They were joined by local PCSOs and pupils from St Stephen's Primary School, Tonbridge, to help raise awareness of the campaign, which will run for four weeks.

The team will be handing out stickers and leaflets, and inviting local people to take part in a survey to find out what they think about dog fouling in their area, and how they think the situation could be improved.

The council will be monitoring dog fouling hotspots carefully, increasing enforcement patrols and working with local schools, community groups and parish councils to raise awareness of the campaign through a variety of projects.

Olympic coup for school picked as training base

OLYMPIC athletes from Australia will use Tonbridge School as their base before the London 2012 Games, ***writes Jon Coates***.

The top private boys' school was unveiled on Tuesday as the chosen training camp for Athletics Australia – a real coup for west Kent.

Belarus, Ukraine and Slovenia have already signed agreements to train in the county in the run-up to the global sporting event.

As a result, Kent is heading the table of counties landing nations for the first Olympic Games on British soil since 1948.

The Australians are the first heavyweight nation, who could also rival for Great Britain in the medals table, to commit to a base.

Their decision has been attributed to the excellent sports facilities and accommodation at Tonbridge School, as well as the pro-active work put in by headmaster Tim Haynes and his staff to meet the needs of Athletics Australia.

However, the west of the county enjoying the warmest weather in Britain and being close to London was also a major factor.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed at the school's sports hall, off the High Street, on Tuesday lunchtime between Athletics Australia's president Rob Fildes, Mr Haynes and Cllr Mike Hill, Kent County Council's cabinet member for communities.

Lord Moynihan, the chairman of the British Olympic Committee and double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes, who is from Hildenborough, also attended the signing.

AGREEMENT: Cllr Mike Hill, head Tim Haynes and Athletics Australia president Rob Fildes

With the sun shining, Eric Hollingsworth, the high performance director of the Australian team, said: "We want to make our athletes comfortable in the run-up to the Olympics and in our opinion this part of the UK has the best weather. Sunshine is very important to us Australians.

"Maybe I have been lucky, but every time I have been to Tonbridge, it has been sunny."

After the signing Mr Haynes said: "Tonbridge School has a strong sporting history and we know that the Australian athletes coming here will inspire our boys.

"We also hope it will inspire boys from other schools in the area and we hope to engage with them in the run-up to the training camp.

"Australia was high up on the list of nations we wanted, and we are thrilled, as they are the first big player to sign an agreement in Kent.

"It is a coup for the school, for Tonbridge and also for Kent, so it is fantastic to get them."

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Pounding the streets brings in thousands of pounds for charity

HUNDREDS of runners took part in a 10k race in Tunbridge Wells last weekend – raising thousands of pounds for Hospice in the Weald, ***writes Jon Coates***.

A total of 687 people competed in the main race over a hilly course on roads between the town and Langton Green, and then back via the High Rocks area last Sunday morning.

Another 168 fun runners took part in a 1k race at the same time. Both events started at the Lower Cricket Ground at 10am.

Roads were closed along the route as needed, with police officers and race marshalls ensuring the safety of the runners from traffic.

After being started by double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes at the cricket ground off London Road, the race proceeded up to and along Bishop's Down, along Langton Road, down Broom Lane, into High Rocks Lane, along Hungershall Park, and finally up Castle Road to finish at the cricket ground.

Leigh Packer won the 10k race in an impressive time of 35 minutes and 24 seconds, and Tunbridge Wells Harrier runner Pru Clements was the fastest female past the line in 42 minutes and 33 seconds.

Challenge

Everyone taking part was given a medal on crossing the line, as were all of the children taking part in the 1k fun run.

The final amount raised by the event is still being collated, but the organisers had set a target of £40,000.

After starting the10k race Dame Kelly, who won gold medals in the 800m and 1,500m at the Athens Olympics in 2004, and is from Hildenborough, joined the recreational runners to encourage them.

When she finished the run she stood a couple of hundred metres from the finishing line to spur on those yet to complete the challenge.

After posing for dozens of photos and signing autographs, Dame Kelly presented the category winners with their trophies.

She said: "I always believe in helping others and what Hospice in the Weald does to help patients and their families get through what could be the worst time of their life is unbelievable. My coach Dave Arnold died at the hospice two years to the day that I won my 1,500m gold medal in Athens, so I will always support it."

This was the first time that the middle-distance champion had taken part in the 10k race after starting it in 2006 and 2007.

The event was sponsored by Savills, Esporta and AXA PPP, so that all the money raised will go directly to patient care at the hospice for terminally ill adults, which is based in Pembury.

IN THE FRAME: Deputy editor Jon Coates (right) and So Tunbridge Wells writer Dan Smith with Dame Kelly Holmes

First 10k run has given me buzz for more

By **JON COATES**

TAKING part in my first 10k race in Tunbridge Wells last weekend was a great experience.

While the serious runners who competed for the titles in different categories won't be quaking in their boots by my time of 53 minutes and 52 seconds, I was more than happy with it.

I was pretty worried in the weeks leading up to it by a serious lack of training on my part. Only running twice on the roads before taking on the challenging, hilly course on the outskirts of the town was always going to be a tall order.

And I'm definitely still feeling the effects of this in my legs nearly a week later.

But after aiming to run the whole way and finish in under an hour, I was pleased to notch up my time and come 259th out of 687 runners – and I can see how people get hooked on running.

It was a great feeling to be part of the surge of hundreds of people of all ages and shapes and sizes through the starting point on to the course.

After taking it easy for the first three kilometres to avoid blowing up mid-race, I was actually thinking this is quite easy.

Then the first steep descent and climb hit us, and it was a struggle against the hills from then until the end.

I was shattered by the finish line, but I've already starting looking around for a half marathon to do early next year.

My abiding memory of my first 10k, however, will have to be Dame Kelly Holmes effortlessly leaving me trailing in her wake at the three kilometre mark, while looking like she had springs in her shoes.

Touring show gets physical

A PHYSICS roadshow stopped at three schools this week to show pupils the subject can be exciting to learn about.

The touring show, Ever Wondered Why?, was at the Weald of Kent Grammar School in Tonbridge on Tuesday before heading to Mascalls School in Paddock Wood on Wednesday.

Students watched experiments and spectacular demonstrations aimed at showing how many mind-boggling natural phenomena are based on physics – such as why the sky is blue, the sun is hot or stars twinkle.

David Richardson, the teacher who presents the roadshow, said: "I help them realise physics is not dull but is at the root of almost everything that makes life exciting."

The show also stopped at Gravesend Grammar School for Girls on Thursday.

Pioneering

Mr Richardson works to inspire people to enjoy physics and recently helped A-level students by running a nationwide revision lecture series. He also organised pioneering work in Rwanda to help teachers.

The roadshow was launched this academic year as a partnership between the Institute of Physics and the National Learning Centre.

Students took part in hands-on demonstrations including 'airzookas', smoke machines and whizzy-whirly straws, while also learning about core physics principles such as the size of the universe.

Charles Tracy, head of education at the Institute of Physics, said: "The roadshow is designed to wow people. We hope it triggers the imagination of students and inspires them to take on more scientific study, producing the army of scientists we need to overcome the 21st century's challenges."

Leading doctor voices maternity plan fears

A TOP maternity doctor has spoken out against moves to centralise women's and children's services in the new hospital at Pembury, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Dr Jonathan Goodman, a consultant obstetrician at Maidstone Hospital, said doctors in the county town did not believe NHS claims that creating a centre of excellence at the private finance initiative site would improve safety. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's clinical director for women's and children's services, Dr Wilson Bolsover, told this newspaper the plans were "safer and better than trying to carry on with what we are doing at present" and operating consultant-led maternity units at both sites.

The tug-of-war between GPs, MPs and patients in Maidstone who are against the move, saying it would put 2,000 women a year at risk, and the trust and primary care trust, NHS West Kent, which says the changes are vital and based on sound clinical evidence, is heating up. NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, is to report this week to health secretary Andrew Lansley on how the health service locally has addressed concerns about accessibility, staffing, clinical quality and transport.

The Government has said that it cannot comment until the report is published. Meanwhile, Dr Goodman said: "I know of no evidence to suggest safety improves in a larger unit. The obstetricians at Maidstone do not believe unification on a single site improves maternal and neonatal safety."

NEW LIFE: But centralisation row continues

He said Dr Bolsover was speaking as a manager and a paediatrician.

Choice

The NHS has argued that centralising consultant-led services at Pembury and creating a new midwifery-led unit at Maidstone will increase patient choice across west Kent.

But Dr Bolsover said: "Does anyone really believe that to lose a consultant unit and gain a midwifery-led unit is an increase in patient choice? This is management speech. The midwifery-led unit is very similar to a home delivery, is certainly not an unsubstantial additional cost for the trust, and results in up to 30 per cent of women being transferred in labour to the consultant unit.

"What worries me as much is that the trust suggests this is nothing to do with money, only safety. In this era the trust needs to be financially viable. The new Pembury is going to be enormously expensive to run."

He feared the reconfiguration was the start of a "concerted plan" to downgrade Maidstone and would eventually result in the closure of A&E.

"In a nutshell this difference of opinion is all about does one close a very good service for local women to provide a service in a large unit with efficiencies that benefit the organisation but obviously disadvantage a significant number of the Maidstone population?" he added.

In an emotive opening to a Westminster Hall debate in Parliament last Tuesday, Maidstone MP Helen Grant said letters signed by 100 GPs said the extra risk and stress caused to mothers in labour was "unacceptable".

Dr Daniel Poulter, a fellow Tory MP and former obstetrician registrar, raised concerns about the impact on Benenden Hospital, which has close links with Maidstone and shares gynaecology provision.

In response, health minister Anne Milton said there were "strong arguments for centralisation" of hospital services. She said Mr Lansley had accepted recommendations by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel that the plans for centralisation of consultant-led obstetrics and in-patient paediatric services at Pembury should continue.

But she added that the coalition was "determined local voices should be properly heard" and was awaiting the health authority's report.

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Watchdog warns KCC over care risk to young

CHILDREN are at risk of harm due to inadequate and late assessments by Kent County Council's social services team, Ofsted has warned.

The watchdog carried out an unannounced inspection of the department last month and has now ordered the authority to address staffing and management issues.

It is the second time this year concerns have been raised about KCC's children's social services department.

In March, social services director Rosalind Turner was forced to issue a public apology when it emerged an inexperienced social worker failed to act on a warning about a man who went on to kill his baby daughter.

Christopher Sellman, 24, from Tunbridge Wells, was later found guilty of the November, 2008, manslaughter of 25-day-old Tiffany and is now serving a five-year jail term.

Shortfall

In a letter to KCC group managing director Katherine Kerswell and Mrs Turner, Ofsted inspector Brendan Parkinson said the shortcomings would likely be reflected with a lower score in the county's next annual assessment.

The letter reads: "A significant shortfall in the capacity of qualified, experienced social workers and weaknesses in the quality of team manager oversight on child protection cases in some duty and assessment teams contribute to these serious concerns."

The social work industry has faced intense scrutiny since the failings that led to the death of Baby Peter in Haringey, north London, were made public two years ago.

News of the KCC shortcomings highlighted by Ofsted may not come as much of a surprise to former chief executive Peter Gilroy, who in March published a report claiming the authority was "just about coping" with the pressures of preventing a similar scandal. Mr Gilroy, who spent eight years as KCC's director of social services before being promoted to the top job in 2004, told KOS Media at the time he thought more children were being put at risk due to social workers becoming over-regulated.

He said: "Is this really going to protect the child when social workers are spending 80 per cent of their time in the office and 20 per cent visiting families? I think we've become over-regulated in this area and it's time we took a step back to reflect.

"What we need are highly competent people who are empowered to make judgements regarding the work they are qualified to carry out.

"If all we have is a young workforce that spends the majority of its time behind desks, then don't be surprised if your risks go up."

Responding to the Ofsted report, a KCC spokesman said the shortfall in experienced social workers was a national problem but that it was committed to ensuring good outcomes for all its children.

He added: "We are pleased with the strengths and good practice found during the inspection and are already working to address the areas of development identified within the Ofsted letter.

"The priority action refers to making sure there are timely assessments in all cases, but acknowledges the pressure our social care teams are under.

"This is due to the increasing number of referrals while we are also carrying vacancies in social workers.

"KCC continues to run successful recruitment campaigns but there is still a shortfall. This is a national issue and we recognise its seriousness."

Society joins in struggle to save historic Godwins

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**

AN historic building in Sevenoaks has been saved from demolition after council chiefs stepped in.

But campaigners say the property is far from safe after English Heritage failed to recommend the property for listing – a move which would have given it significant protection from redevelopment.

Godwins, in Blackhall Lane, is described as a "1930s arts and crafts-style dwelling" and considered to be of "local historic importance".

Built in 1931, and designed by famous architect Oswald Milne, the house and its gardens have remained largely unaltered, enhancing its appeal. However, English Heritage say key changes have taken place meaning it cannot be a listed property.

Its importance was underlined by being included in the proposed extension to the Wildernesse Conservation Area – currently being considered by the council – a move which would safeguard the building for the future. But after its owner applied to knock the building down, the council responded to concerns raised by local people by serving a notice to protect it.

As a conservation area is not likely to be formalised until the end of year, the council served an Article 4 Direction notice last Wednesday, which removes the owner's rights to demolish the dwelling without first gaining planning permission.

Cllr Jill Davison, the council's cabinet member with responsibility for planning policy, says: "Godwins may become part of the Wildernesse Conservation Area. Until this is decided the Article 4 Direction will protect the building from demolition."

Now a London-based organisation set up to protect the best in 20th century architecture, the Twentieth Century Society has waded in to the row.

It said: "Milne was an outstanding domestic architect of the inter-war period and was trained by two architectural luminaries of the era – Sir Edwin Lutyens – designer of the cenotaph – and Sir Arthur Blomfield.

"Only recently unearthed as a building by Milne, Godwins is a significant addition to his oeuvre. The house is supremely elegant. Built for a retired tea planter and his family, it is set back, yet visible, from Blackhall Lane.

"The front elevation suggests both symmetry and organic growth, while the garden elevation quietly emphasises horizontality – the modern streamlined aesthetic of the time.

"Sevenoaks Council refused two planning applications earlier this month for the demolition of Godwins and the redevelopment of the site. However, English Heritage's decision not to list the house leaves it completely without protection."

UNDER THREAT: Famous architect Oswald Milne designed the house built in 1931

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "This is the second time we have considered the house for listing and recommended that while it has local interest, it doesn't meet the national criteria, because it lacks the special architectural quality and intactness needed for statutory listing.

"Godwins has been altered by the removal of chimney stacks, the glazing-in of the loggia, and the removal of all original fireplaces. While other features survive and make this a house of strong local interest, these are representative rather than special, especially considering the date of the house."

The society is calling for it to be immediately made part of the Wildernesse Conservation Area.

SAFE BET: Insafe International's boat team

Company's dragon boat team pull in £2,000 for charity

A TEAM from a locksmith and security products company has raised more than £2,000 for charity in the Dragon Boat Festival at Bewl Water.

The 16-strong team from Insafe International in Tunbridge Wells were among 100 competing in 10 dragon boats at the annual weekend event earlier this month that attracts more than 15,000 spectators.

Insafe fundraisers also set up a small tent to raise extra funds at the Lamberhurst reservoir that included a cracker eating contest, a safe-cracking competition and a raffle. The money was donated to the Insafe Foundation.

Donna Marshall, operations director for the team, called the Insafecrackers, said: "Overall it was an amazing experience, we all worked so hard to be here and raise the money for our four charities.

"It was well worth the sweat, blood and tears and we look forward to participating in 2011."

The charities benefitting from the money raised at the event on September 11-12 are Demelza Children's Hospice, Hospice in the Weald, Lights of Peru, which provides LED lighting to families in remote mountain villages, and The Mukti Trust, which supports young orphaned girls in India providing them with a safe place to stay and education.

Pair's hitchhiking adventure raises cash for flood victims

A STUDENT has completed a hitchhiking challenge to raise money for an anti-poverty charity and help those affected by the Pakistan floods.

Jack Holden, who lives in Tonbridge, set out on the unusual adventure to travel free from Bristol to the Isle of Skye in Scotland and back again to raise £2,000 for Action Aid.

The 20-year-old was joined by his fellow student and friend at the Old Vic Theatre in Bristol, Harry Livingstone.

"I've never done anything like this before. It was a real adventure and we've met some amazing characters on the way," he said.

"Our trip had all the ingredients of a great holiday, while also raising money for a good cause. I've definitely caught the hitchhiking bug and I plan to hitchhike to Devon next week."

He returned from the trip on September 17, after also completing the additional challenge of hiking the entire 110km length of the island through the rockiest mountain range in the UK.

The pair decided to undertake the challenge after hearing about the plight of the estimated 17 million Pakistanis hit by this summer's devastating flooding.

They set off on the 1,200-mile round trip with their backpacks, a cardboard hitchhiking sign and an Action Aid banner.

They made it to Glasgow by the first night with help from five strangers, including a very relaxed American couple who handed over the keys to their Renault and let the duo do the driving while they caught up on some sleep in the back.

By September 10 they had hit the mountain range, the Black Cuillin.

After sleeping on the beach using a fire to keep warm they started walking to the southern-most point of the island.

On their way home they were given a tour of the Highlands by a lorry driver, including a whiskey distillery tour, before they were picked up by a Scot who drove them from Perth to their student home in Bristol.

So far the pair has raised £1,260. To help them reach their £2,000 target go to www.twitter.com/skyesthelimit10.

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Treading fine line between independence and neglect

IT WAS with interest that I listened to the news story about the parents of a seven-year-old who were threatened with legal action after they'd allowed their daughter to walk 20 yards to catch a bus to school on her own.

Lincolnshire County Council accused the parents of child neglect, but after an appeal the decision was overturned, as the girl's father explained he was simply trying to teach her independence.

Some may argue that seven years of age is a little young for this type of individuality, and I must admit that my initial thoughts were similar, but on reflection I realised that this is exactly how I used to make my way to school, the only difference being I was a little younger and did have an escort – my big brother, who was six.

My mum was left out of the equation, as Andrew had taken the decision and responsibility of delivering me to my infant classroom.

Our family cine-film is testament to my first school days, when, hand in hand as a tiny tot I was led along the road (crossed two), and arrived in front of my teacher for the first time.

It never crossed my mind that this wasn't normal, and certainly not considered neglect. Could you imagine? My dad was the village policeman – that was never going to be allowed to happen.

LETTING GO: It's hard to know how much freedom to give your kids

Is it perhaps that today we have become too protective of our offspring?

It could be said you can't be too protective, but then there's the danger that we're not allowing our kids to grow up. How are they going to learn independence or indeed the dangers and delights of the real world, if we are forever governing their every move?

Ironically, a great example is the demise of children getting a bus on their own. You only have to look at the queues of mothers in their Chelsea tractors, dropping their little darlings off and similarly waiting at the school gate to take them home again.

I know of several teenagers who have never had to do anything for themselves and as a consequence wouldn't have the first idea how or where to board a bus.

How on earth are they going to cope on their own in later life?

I will admit that perhaps I've occasionally molly-coddled our boys, but then recently have been accused of allowing them too much freedom.

Sometimes, I think we just can't win.

Over the years I've tried to teach the boys the basics; cooking, cleaning, ironing and shopping, in the hope that I was helping to prepare them for later life, particularly as Matt was to fend for himself at university.

It was, therefore, a great surprise to me when I recently received an 'urgent' telephone call from our eldest son, who despite knowing I was working, decided his needs far outweighed my commitments.

"Mum," he said, "I know you're busy, sorry to bother you, but this is an emergency!"

Panicking, I anxiously asked: "What's on earth's the matter – are you okay?"

"Yes, I'm fine" he replied, "but tell me– how do you make an omelette?"

See how even the best-prepared kids can struggle?

Note to self – try harder with his younger brother.

Julie reports from around the county for KOS Media's broadband TV station www.yourkenttv.co.uk Contact her on julie.maddocks@kosmedia.co.uk

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Mouthwatering opportunity for all young chefs

SECONDARY school pupils are being urged to cook up a tasty treat with the finest local food and drink as the Kent Young Chef Award 2010 is launched next month, ***writes James Benjamin***.

After its successful debut last year, the contest – organised by local produce champions Produced in Kent – will once again urge youngsters to get in the kitchen and be creative with seasonal local ingredients.

And the competition has also been welcomed by dozens of schools across the county with many incorporating the Kent Young Chef Award into their autumn curriculum.

Open to all Kent secondary schoolchildren in years seven to 11, entrants need to dream up and write a main course recipe to serve two people which uses seasonal autumn ingredients and produce widely available in Kent.

The contest is sponsored by Hadlow College, kff, and Pantiles-based Woods Restaurant, Produce Store and Bars.

The judging panel will include celebrity chef Richard Phillips – owner of Thackeray's – as well as Claire Wood, head chef at Woods. Also on the panel will be Roger Phillips, head of catering and hospitality at Thanet College.

Competitors should fill in an official entry form available on Produced in Kent's website – www.producedinkent – and email their entry to youngchef@wac.uk.com before the closing date of Friday, October 29.

The authors of the eight best main course recipe ideas will be invited to travel to Thanet College, to take part in the live cook off on Friday, November 26.

The four best entries from year groups seven to eight will compete for the junior crown, while the best four in year groups nine, 10 and 11 will compete in the live cook-off for the senior title.

Manager of Produced in Kent, Julie Monkman, said, "Following hundreds of entries last year and an electric live cook off to decide the winners, we are thrilled to be launching this hugely popular competition once again.

"It's going to be another great contest with fantastic prizes, so I'd encourage as many children as possible to take part."

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips added his support too, saying: "Last year Produced in Kent gave young chefs a fantastic platform to show their skills and craft.

"This year looks set to be even bigger and better with amazing prizes to win and I can't wait to judge the competition again to find the best young chefs in Kent."

SCHOOLCHILDREN were served up a slice of history this week as part of Kentish Food Week.

More than 300 primary schools took part by serving up lunches based on traditional recipes. Kent dishes on offer included oast quiche and Maidstone biscuits, which date back to Tudor times.

While desserts included gypsy tart with Cox apple slices and the Kentish huffkin.

Kentish Food Week, run by Kent County Council, ran from last Monday and coincided with British Food Fortnight. All the recipes are available at www.kent.gov.uk/kentishfoodweek.

TASTEFUL: Kent's secondary school pupils are being urged to show what they can do in the kitchen

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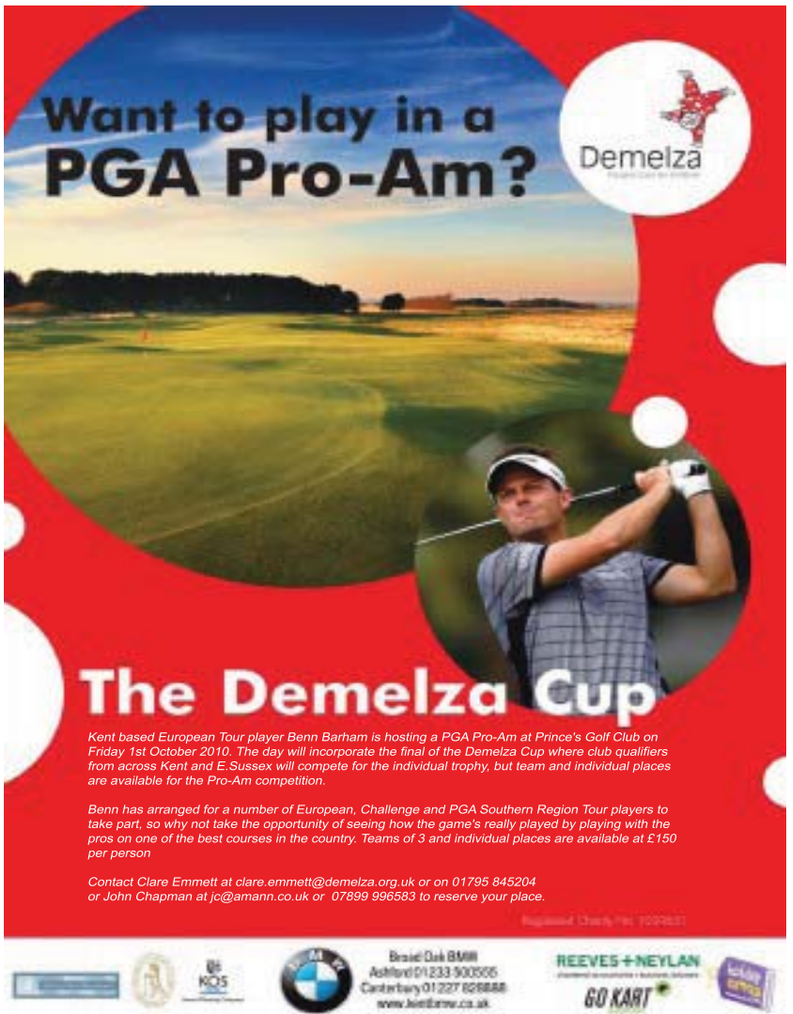
b) Local ingredients (all main ingredients should be grown/produced in Kent)
c) Your main course dish can be vegetarian, meat or fish
d) Make it original – you can adapt an existing recipe but do not directly copy it

Email your official entry to youngchef@wac.uk.com before the deadline of Friday, October 29.

Prizes: Two winners will pick up Kent Young Chef Award trophies, take part in a special charity dinner in January 2011, and collect a hamper packed with local Kentish produce donated by Woods.

Eight finalists will win Kent Young Chef Award aprons, framed certificates, and a day at one of Richard Phillips' restaurants.



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Parade through the town for college successes

Student cheer as they make higher grade

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**

THE LAST ever West Kent College higher education students received their qualifications in a ceremony in Tonbridge on Friday.

The ceremony took place at the Church of St Peter & St Paul in Church Lane, as the college prepares to re-launch with a new name and identity later this autumn.

West Kent College, now merged with South Kent College, had 500 higher education students through its partnership with the University of Greenwich.

Many of them were at the ceremony, which was followed by a procession from the church through Tonbridge to the castle, where there were cream teas for the guests.

Cream of crop

The guest speaker at the ceremony was leading local entrepreneur and multi-millionaire, Simon Hume-Kendall, who now owns the Lamberhurst Vineyard and Bewl Water. His address advised students not to fear the current economic climate.

He told them: "You are the cream of the crop, the top 15 per cent in the country for your qualifications. Whatever the economic climate, there will always be opportunities. Employers will always be looking for staff with good qualifications.

"But if you can't get into the profession you want straight away, my advice is don't go on the dole and spend the day on Facebook – that will not get you anywhere.

"Take any job, and if you show your employer these four qualities, you will go far.

"You must be reliable, so they know they can count on you to show up to work.

"Ingenuity – can you solve problems? A little bit of charm and people skills will be enormously useful, and you must be enthusiastic – an employer will spot that and you'll be promoted.

"If you're stacking shelves in Sainsbury's and you have these qualities, and your degree, you could be running the place yourself in five years."

Principal Bill Fearon congratulated students, saying: "We're very proud of the fact that we have so many higher education students, and we believe students who study with us get extremely good value and their skills provide extremely good value to employers and the economy of our area.

"These really are the best of vocational courses, very practical and they improve your career prospects. The qualifications you leave here with today will stand you in good stead for the rest of your life."

• *See inside this newspaper for our special education supplement.*

GRAFTER: Sarah Baker studied for her degree while working, allowing her to escape a lot of student debt; LEFT: Zoe Chatt, from Brighton, studied for an HNC in architectural design, after 20 years out of education, while Allison Palmer, 45, from Rotherfield, got her HND in quantity surveying after returning to education

Sufferers to share advice on life with Parkinson's

PATRICK Strachan, 66, from Sevenoaks, will join people with Parkinson's, healthcare professionals and leading scientists from around the globe at the second World Parkinson Congress (WPC) in Glasgow this month.

The congress from September 28 to October 1, will cover the latest scientific research from around the world.

Delegates can also learn about life with Parkinson's, including treatments, alternatives to drugs, neuroprotection and gene therapy.

Mr Strachan, a member of the Sevenoaks branch of Parkinson's UK, has lived with the condition for nine years.

Perspective

He said: "There's a lot of misconception about Parkinson's. It will be interesting to speak to other people and share common experiences to deepen my understanding of the condition and pass my knowledge on to others.

"It's amazing how you manage to adapt and get on with things.

"In an unexpected way, Parkinson's changes your perspective on things for the better.

"I've been forced to take stock of the really important things in life – family and friends, relationships – things I had perhaps taken for granted before."

Agency staff take a coffee break for cancer charity

AN ADVERTISING agency is to host a coffee morning for its staff in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support for the second year in a row.

Group Nexus/H Limited in Tunbridge Wells will down tools and enjoy a coffee bar serving Irish coffees and home-made cakes to raise funds for the charity. Staff can also compete in a cake bake contest.

While the official day for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, the charity's flagship fundraising event, was on Friday, companies, schools and individuals can host their events whenever they want. Group Nexus/H Limited will host their coffee morning on October 13.

Jonna Rogers, from Nexus's human resources department, said: "We decided to join in with Macmillan's coffee morning event because so many of us in the office have had family or friends affected by cancer."

Helene Gawel, fundraising manager for west Kent, said: "Last year more than 1,000 hosts across the county took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, helping us raise £185,000, which will allow us to continue providing emotional, medical, financial and practical support to people affected by cancer.

"This year is no different. We want to encourage more people to host a coffee morning at their home or place of work. Whether it is on the official day or not, it is never too late to be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning."

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OAP killed after two car smash

AN elderly woman has been killed and another woman rushed to hospital with serious injuries after two cars crashed.

The women were standing near the cars when they collided in the High Street in Tonbridge, near the railway station, at 11.22am on Thursday, September 23.

Police said the elderly woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The other was taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells.

The coroner's office has been notified about the death and her family has been told. No further details about her are being released at the time of going to press, police said.

Officers closed the road and it remained shut for at least two hours. Trains continued to run as normal but passengers had to access the station via the side entrance.

An investigation is under way.

Tyre service is on the road

A MOBILE tyre service business has been launched to cover homes and offices in the Tunbridge Wells area.

Thomas Chomicz has taken out a franchise from Hometyre, a nationwide company which provides operators with vans to go to customers for tyre replacements and repairs, wheel balancing and wheel alignment, with no call-out charges.

He said: "We cater for all vehicles, including four-wheel-drive, caravans and light commercial vehicles."

River Medway memories just come flooding back

By **JON COATES**
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RIVER OF TIME: Memories of the Medway are being recorded for a community history project

PEOPLE have been invited to share their memories of the River Medway in the 20th century for a community history project.

Screen Archive South East, with £37,000 funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, is leading the Medway on Screen initiative, which will focus on the river and the towns and villages it passes through Kent.

Film showing the industries and communities associated with the Medway in the 1930s and 1940s will be shown in Tonbridge this month and in October to inspire people to share their memories about living, working and growing up in the west of the county.

The archive footage will show hop gardens near Tonbridge and the breweries, factories and docklands in Maidstone and the Medway towns, where the river allowed an industrial base to develop.

The project was launched in Tonbridge at the Riverside function room of the Angel Centre on Thursday evening. There will be a drop-in session at Tonbridge library on Monday between 11am and 3.30pm, followed by a discovery day at the function room in the Angel Centre on Thursday, September 30, from 4pm to 8pm.

Another drop-in session will be held at the library on Wednesday, October 6, between 11am and 3.30pm, with an introduction to oral history session also taking place at the library on Friday, October 8.

All these events are free and open to the public, and people are encouraged to take along photographs or objects relating to the history of the river and the surrounding area for inclusion in the project.

Frank Gray, director of Screen Archive South East, said: "We are very excited by this project because these films of the Medway reveal hidden histories, which we are keen to uncover.

"By sharing these films we hope to encourage everyone to contribute memories of the river and its many histories."

A spokesman for Tonbridge Civic Society said: "We are delighted to support this project which will give greater awareness of the importance of the River Medway to the centre of Tonbridge. It comes at an opportune moment when major riverside developments are being discussed."

Stuart McLeod, head of Heritage Lottery Fund South East England, said: "These archive films capture the many aspects of the community history of Kent that have either disappeared or are in decline, providing a unique record of everyday life and work in past times."

• ***For more information and to view the archive films online, click on www.brighton.ac.uk/screenarchive/medway.***

HISTORY LESSON: Young Rwandans are reaping the rewards of stability and peace after the country's terrible trauma

Genocide widow's message of peace

JENNA PUDELEK meets a remarkable woman who survived the horrors of Rwanda and is now spearheading a push to build bridges after the carnage

ODETTE Kayirere survived the Rwandan genocide, a mass slaughter that saw neighbours turn on fellow villagers and about one million people killed – including her husband.

While 15 years on ethnic tensions still exist, her story is one of heartrending hope and a resolute drive for reconciliation in the wake of extermination on a scale not seen since the Holocaust. And she recounted her remarkable story when she came to Tunbridge Wells for a charity event.

In April, 1994, Mrs Kayirere was working as a teacher when the campaign of violence against the Tutsi people began. Her husband, Alexi, who was a headteacher, was killed early on in the horror and she fled into hiding with her six young children.

There were times when the family was helped by Hutu neighbours, but they mainly had to fend for themselves.

After the 100 days of violence ended, Mrs Kayirere, now 53, began in earnest to help other survivors of the genocide.

She now works as co-ordinator of Avega (Association des Veuves du Genocide Agahozo), a self-help group that supports 11,473 orphans and 3,852 widows, from a base in Rwamagana, eastern Rwanda. Thousands of miles away in affluent Tunbridge Wells, Mrs Kayirere is sitting in Montrose restaurant.

She is in the UK to talk about her experiences, the work of Avega and how it is supported by the UK-based charity Msaada, which was co-founded by Fergal Keane who reported on the Rwandan genocide for the BBC. It works with the self-help group because it allows them to be directly involved with the community in Rwanda without the involvement of the government or other intermediaries.

We speak just hours before Mrs Kayirere stands before a packed audience as the special guest at a charity dinner organised by the Southborough restaurant's co-owner Graeme Moore, a supporter of Msaada.

"I try to do my best and hopefully will reach my aim and my wish, which is for peace and to make a difference," she said. "Where people were killed, we put love and peace."

When Mrs Kayirere came out of hiding she found eight orphans wandering out of the bush, whose families had been slaughtered. She adopted them and raised them with her own family.

"I think God protected us to help other children," she said. "I adopted other children. A lot of genocide widows did that."

Mr Moore explained the circumstances in which she was forced to flee: "The genocide was well-planned – they started by eliminating the strong and intelligent men. Then they went for the boys and then they went for the educated women and so on ..."

She hid with a two-month-old baby on her back. Before the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) arrived to overrun the area and stop the killing, the family saw others who were killed and had several lucky escapes from being captured.

"Common to a big number of people, we did not have time to think about it," Mrs Kayirere said. "I thought about that [her husband's death] after the genocide. There were was no time to think, no time to reason about death because we were also waiting to be killed. I knew my husband was killed on April 16, I said in my mind, 'He passed away before me, but I will join him in a short time'."

She spoke about the consequences of the genocide. Rape against Tutsi women was systematic with such sexual violence used as a weapon against up to 500,000 women and girls, leaving a high percentage of them HIV positive. The organisation also helps those who were left traumatised or with physical disabilities from the atrocities as well as the many orphans left to fend for themselves.

"We survived not by our power or effort. It was luck. It was a miracle and I thank so much the people who took the commitment to come and sometimes lose their blood to fight for justice and stop the genocide," she said.

"Now we are committed to building a bright future and to be an example, to show it is possible to build a new life and a better country than we've ever seen.

"It is about peace building. We are victims of the injustice and we do not want it to happen again. We must take the first step to go and meet these people who killed our relatives."

One of the programmes supported by Msaada is the Count D'Angerville Honey Bee project, which provides 200 families in Nyarabuye with beehives to enable them to earn an income from the production of honey and wax. As well as providing income for the families, the bees also pollinate surrounding plants and crops, increasing the yield for the entire community.

BUT as the project grows, it is also an example of the kind of reconciliation work that the organisation is promoting because the families are encouraged to pass a hive on to a neighbour.

"When they give away a hive it is given to the very people who committed the genocide or the families [of the killers]," Mrs Kayirere said. "It is an example of how we want to make a difference."

The projects run by the charity are income-generating and sustainable, aimed at helping people in Rwanda help themselves.

The charity is also involved in providing education through paying for the salaries of teachers, training and equipment. Msaada helps more than 100 young people go to the local school. Msaada has also built a conference centre, which is generating income for Avega each year. It is en route to a game park and there is a hotel and restaurant currently used mainly by locals, but which the organisations hope will soon benefit from an increase in tourism.

Billy Kelly, the charity's director, said: "In my 20 years working for Africa I have never encountered a more effective or honest group as Avega. The range of their work on behalf of the widows and orphans is astonishing.

"Their accounting is meticulous and we receive detailed reports on how our funding has been spent. Visits to the project confirm support given in the UK is being used effectively and gets to the people who need it most. All this is due to Odette and we know our affairs are in safe hands with her."

The charity dinner at Montrose raised more than £5,500. For more information about the charity visit www.msaada.org.

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It's never too old for safe sex

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MIDDLE-aged people are the focus of a campaign aimed at the rise of sexually-transmitted infections among the over-50s.

While STIs are most commonly found in the 16 to 24-year-old age group, new figures have revealed the number of older people contracting diseases is growing steadily.

Nationally in 2009, 13,000 men and women aged over 45 were treated for STIs such as chlamydia, gonorrhoea and genital warts – twice the amount seen in 2000.

Last year in the UK, there were more men aged over 45 with herpes than 16 to 19-year-old males, a finding reflected in NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent figures.

Campaign

The problem has prompted sexual health charity the Family Planning Association to launch a campaign – the Middle Age Spread – using 1970s posters to highlight the poor sexual health of older people.

In NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent between 2008 and 2009, the number of patients aged between 35 and 64 years old who were treated for STIs increased.

Although the rise was small – 15 more cases to 114 for over-45s and five up to 197 for 35-44-year-olds – there was a significant drop in cases in the younger age groups, with the exception of chlamydia, which rose by almost 100 per cent.

Gerald Bassett, lead commissioner for sexual health at the trust, said if people of any age have a new or casual sexual partner, a condom is the best way to avoid an STI.

"Any rise, however small, in STIs can present a problem to the population as a whole, and is therefore something that we take extremely seriously," he said.

"We would urge anyone embarking on a new relationship – whatever their age – to ensure they practice safe sex, and if they are at all worried, speak to a GP or pharmacist who can give advice on screening for common infections."

RISK AWARENESS: The campaign is spreading the safe sex message to the over 50s

Dr Lesley Navaratne, consultant in Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) and HIV at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said the clinic was seeing more over 40s with STIs.

Rates of herpes at the trust increased by more than 50 per cent since 2009, with 20 per cent of new diagnoses in the over 40s.

Dr Navaratne said: "Often when long-term relationships, including marriage, fail and people embark on different relationships, STIs may begin to affect older age groups.

"This could be because men and women in this age group may mistakenly think sexual health issues will not affect them, as the focus on STI prevention is on young people.

"Also, women in this age group may not use condoms as they are using longer-term methods of contraception such as an intra-uterine device, or have been through the menopause and are not concerned about the risk of pregnancy."

A breakdown of STI figures in relation to age groups was not available for the whole of the NHS West Kent area, but the trust stressed people of all ages needed to be aware of the risks.

Protection

Faiza Khan, consultant in public health, said: "Safe sex isn't just for younger people – STIs affect all ages and a condom is the best way of protecting yourself and your partner.

"It is so important for anyone who is sexually active to have a sexual health check whenever they change partner."

Last year in the UK, more than 5,000 men and women over 45 were diagnosed. Genital warts and chlamydia diagnosis in women has gone up 95 per cent in nine years, and calls to the Family Planning Association have risen 30 per cent in three years.

Julie Bentley, chief executive of the charity, said: "There is very little sexual health information or services for the over 50s, and current campaigns, however good, are exclusively for the young.

"We need to do more to encourage the over 50s to access sexual health clinics."

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Royal Mail sell-off is slammed by Greens

THE Kent Green Party has slammed the coalition Government's plans to privatise the Royal Mail, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

It comes after news that proposals to modernise the postal services in Kent could see 400 job cuts and the closure of four sorting offices in Tonbridge, Canterbury, Maidstone and Dartford.

Stuart Jeffery, campaigns officer for the party, said: "Kent Greens have written to the local Communications Workers' Union (CWU) expressing their solidarity with the union. Kent Greens want to see the Royal Mail stay in public hands and receive investment to re-open the 56 post offices that were closed across Kent.

"The Royal Mail is under serious threat, with the service to lose 10 per cent of its staff in west Kent alone, and from the coalition's plan to sell it off."

Recently, business secretary Vince Cable confirmed that the coalition would go ahead with selling Royal Mail.

The move came after an independent report said the troubled postal service's outlook had worsened. Under the Government's plans, an independent firm will be formed to run sorting and deliveries.

Outside investors would hold the most shares, and the rest will be offered to Royal Mail staff. Pension liabilities will be taken on by the Government.

The pension deficit at Royal Mail is £8 billion this year, compared to £2.9bn in 2008. Global mail volumes are predicted to decline by 25 per cent to 40 per cent by 2015, and Royal Mail Letters lost £333 million this year, up from £200m last year.

But the CWU has said the privatisation plans would devastate the postal service.

Mr Jeffery said: "Lib Dem supporters must be furious. It is clear their MPs have really embraced the Tory ethic of privatisation, regardless of consequences.

Savage

"The coalition's cuts are the most savage in living history and yet are completely unnecessary, because a fair tax system would help to prevent job losses. Only the Greens remain to take a firm stand against Post Office privatisation.

"The Green Party not only wants the Royal Mail to remain in public hands, but we believe that the closure of the post offices three years ago must be reversed.

"As the coalition steers the country towards a double dip recession, post offices are an essential service which should be present in all our urban and rural communities."

A FLY-TIPPER has been fined £150 for dumping a sack of household waste next to a village hall recycling site.

Margaret Rhodes, of Court Road, Burham, was seen dumping the rubbish by a resident, who alerted neighbourhood PCSO Allan Newby. He traced the waste to Rhodes using letters found in the rubbish. He passed the case to Tonbridge and Malling council and an environment officer issued a fixed penalty notice for £80.

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THE LOOK: Laura Duret, in 1960s cocktail gown with gold and silver chequered bodice and a black crepe skirt, gives a few modelling tips

Style is permanent

CLARE GRANT finally catches up with one of the most charismatic and stylish figures in Tunbridge Wells on her love for vintage

I'VE SEEN her around town. Her distinctive, elegant 1950s-style dresses and bright red lipstick make her stand out in Tunbridge Wells.

I give my contacts a good shaking down, until 2010's answer to Beau Nash comes up with the goods: "Laura Duret. Powder Room Vintage."

When I finally manage to get an evening interview with Mrs Duret, who lives in the St James' area of Tunbridge Wells, I discover why she is so hard to pin down: she juggles her passion for vintage clothes and accessories with mothering two toddlers.

"I've always shopped second-hand," she says, "and it became apparent to me that I preferred the older style of clothes. That's the lovely thing about vintage – no-one else will be wearing the same outfit."

Back in June, Mrs Duret's evening of vintage glamour at the Hotel du Vin attracted about 200 people (mainly women), by tapping into the trend for nostalgia.

Attractions included a fashion show, Mrs Duret's hand-picked traders selling vintage clothing, accessories and homewares and a burlesque performance.

"The turnout was astonishing – women of all ages," says Mrs Duret. "And seeing all the mums really glammed up for the evening."

The presence of mothers is particularly significant for Mrs Duret.

"I started doing these events with antiques and all the things I love, because it doesn't cut into my time as a mum and it's great to see all the other mothers enjoying themselves."

Mrs Duret's service also includes styling.

"Even if you don't go in for the clothes, it's still fun to play with the make-up. I can show people how to apply it and tell them all about it. I would just love to introduce a bit more glamour into people's lives."

This expertise comes from her work as a cosmetics counter assistant before having children. "I have knowledge of all brands, not just the high end ones," she says. "They are not necessarily better. I know the red lipstick that will stay on and not come off on your children.

"I think that's why a lot of mums don't wear lipstick – because they're afraid it will come off on their baby's head!

"As mums, so many women lose their identity. I think you are losing a part of yourself if you let that happen," she says.

Mrs Duret exhales deeply over the phone. "I'm sorry – I'm just smoking a cigarette and having a glass of wine."

And I can see her in my mind's eye: impecca-

FACT FILE

How to walk in heels

It's just practice, says Mrs Duret.
"I used to run around catching trains in heels.
"The worst thing a woman can do in high heels is stoop and stick her bottom out. That's a bad look."
She recommends medium heels, and says that many modern heels are far higher than necessary.
"Medium high heels are perfect for mums – I would say two to three inches. A standard high heel is about five inches."
It doesn't have to be stilettos: "Block heels are very '50s and '60s," she says.
"In the '40s they used to make wedge heel shoes out of cork because it was easy to get hold of in rationing periods."

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FINE DETAILS: Accessories are an excellent way to add a touch of vintage to an outfit

FACT FILE

Vintage or second-hand?

Mrs Duret explains: "For some people, vintage is not later than the 1970s. For some it's the 1990s. I'm not a fan of the '70s, I concentrate on the '40s, '50s and '60s. I don't go back any earlier, because pieces are hard to find and are usually in perished condition, very expensive and not particularly wearable.

"Autumn fashions are harking back to the '50s this year, but my pieces are original and are not reproductions. I just love the history behind them."

Mrs Duret adopts a 'seize the day' approach to her own acquisitions: "I do tend to pick up everything that stands out. I can't stand the times that I didn't get something; when I think 'I must go back' and it's gone."

She issues one caveat, however: "Women were smaller up until the 1970s and '80s. If you see a dress from the 1960s that says size 14, it's more like a size 10. So they are mostly two sizes above."

bly dressed – heels and scarlet lipstick – motherhood folded away for an hour or so.

I imagine her at a little garden table as the sun goes down, the smoke from the day's single cigarette curling up in the still air.

To contact Laura Duret, call 07796 146428 or email powderroomvintage@hotmail.co.uk.

Powder Room Vintage pop-up boutique will be at Panache, on Tunbridge Wells High Street, from Thursday, September 23 for a short time only. Call Mrs Duret if you would like a styling or personal shopping session. She is also able to source vintage homewares.

There is a Winter Evening of Vintage Glamour at the Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells, from 8pm on Thursday, November 18. Tickets are £10 and can be pre-booked.

• ***Mrs Duret recommends Christa Weil's book It's Vintage Darling for tips on finding and caring for vintage clothes.***

Airport academy proposed to cater for expanding industry

AIRPORT bosses want to set up an Aerospace Academy as part of their development plans for future growth.

They are in the process of drawing up outline plans for the vocational centre at Biggin Hill Airport that would provide training courses for a range of skills required by the modern aerospace industry.

These would include engineering and avionics, IT systems, aircraft operations and airport ground services.

Other courses may extend to maintenance and technical records, in-flight catering and aircraft handling.

The majority of the courses would be linked to professional and national qualifications.

The company operating Biggin Hill Airport, near Westerham, sees this academy as part of the growth plans as a business and general aviation service centre.

They see this as fitting in with Biggin Hill being chosen as a Strategic Outer London Development Centre in Mayor Boris Johnson's London Plan.

A spokesman for the airport said: "Discussions are already in hand between representatives of airport management and senior staff at Bromley College about future training requirements, and the scope of training courses for the several hundred new jobs in aviation that companies based at Biggin Hill are expected to be offering in the short and medium term.

"It is planned that the Aerospace Academy will be sited in the airport's West Camp area, suitably close to public transport and local housing conurbations.

"Site owner Bernie Ecclestone, of F1 Management, has provisionally agreed to make a suitable building available for the academy."

He added: "The long-term masterplan for Biggin Hill envisages that the airport will become increasingly established as the high technology hub for south London.

"It will provide high-quality, high-tech jobs that will enable a significantly advanced performance for an international clientele.

"In turn, this effect brings valuable foreign exchange earnings for the UK and a parallel benefit to the local economy."

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Papal visit was just a blur to me

THE Pope's visit to the UK reminded me of my brush with the Pontiff some 28 years ago.

An experience which would teach me a lesson I have never, ever forgotten – and one which haunts me to this very day.

I was knee-high to the proverbial grasshopper back then – well, in single figures at least – and far more interested in swapping football stickers than catching a glimpse of a man in charge of perhaps the world's most powerful religion. Especially as my family weren't even Catholic.

Yet my mother thought the visit of Pope John Paul II in 1982, was worth us taking in as a cultural event.

And I'm glad she did, if only for her own sake. Because it has provided my mother with an anecdote she has repeated whenever the Pope's name has been mentioned for what is now almost three decades.

The story is simply this.

When the Pope visited he made a trip to Canterbury. As a young schoolboy in Tunbridge Wells, you couldn't help but have been caught up in the remarkable fever which surrounded his visit, regardless of whether you were of the Catholic persuasion or not. Everywhere he went there seemed to be spontaneous choruses of 'He's Got the Whole World In His Hands'. It was really quite impressive.

HOT ROD: Popemobile; quicker than it looks

Merely the fact he had been rather dramatically shot the year before in an assassination attempt (everyone seemed to be getting shot back in the early 80s), ensured that he was a figure of profound fame and significance, regardless of how old you were.

So my mother took me off for a day in the east of the county.

The weather was bright and warm, and as we parked in a big field and strolled a fair distance in you couldn't help but feel part of something significant.

We found a street close to the cathedral gates and there we stood… right at the front of the rails, and waited.

Now, memory may have warped this, but as I remember it, it was a very, very long wait, yet vaguely exciting as soon the Pope would indeed be trundling past – I assumed in his Popemobile – with the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, in tow.

Suddenly it became apparent the convoy was heading our way. A rustle of excitement. Everyone jostling for a good view.

I took out my parents' camera and held it up, ready to grab a snap of the man himself.

I would view the visit via the shutter of my camera – and capture the moment for all eternity.

Whoosh. He shot by. Whoosh. I missed him completely. I had my camera directed slightly down. All I caught was the feet of those stood in the bullet-proof vehicle. By the time I pulled down the camera from my face and tried to glimpse the Pope from behind it was too late. I'd missed him.

I'd queued up for hours. And I'd missed him. All I had to do was look. To peer right ahead. It wasn't difficult. To rub salt in the wound, the vehicle had gone by so quickly I hadn't even got a photograph.

Just a glimpse of some feet. A glimpse my memory has long since chucked out on account of it being too vague, too coated in embarrassment.

Spotting my upset, my mother made sure we hung around the city and queued up again to spy him as he drove out of the cathedral (I remember we bought my little sister a tricycle, it would forever be dubbed 'Pope bike'. We must have sounded very, very odd).

Again we waited for what seemed like an eternity. I remember spotting Prince Charles drive by. But just as the Pope was due to head in our direction, there was some nonsense about a gas leak and the road had to be cleared.

I had missed him again. And that was it. A whole day and I'd spotted merely some shoes which may or may not have belonged to his Popeness.

The lesson I've learned? Never, ever, try and take a picture of a fleeting moment you want to remember. You'll regret it. Just keep your eyes peeled and your memory will take the snap you're after.

Oh, and a rather worrying sense that God himself didn't want me to lay my eyes on his Earth-bound representative.

Which probably means I'm the devil. Doh.

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Lack of accountability

While I welcome decentralisation minister Greg Clark's commitment to devolving more powers to local communities and individuals, there is a glaring lack of accountability from the Conservative council leader in his own constituency of Tunbridge Wells.

Borough council leader Roy Bullock has proposed major redevelopments in the town centre and the potential destruction of historic buildings, which the vast majority of local people are vehemently against.

A large development company has also been involved in the bidding process, while the plans have largely been shrouded in secrecy.

This could result in not only the loss of the Town Hall, a Grade II-listed building, but also the Victorian-era Adult Education Centre, Assembly Hall Theatre, the library, the council offices, the police station and the museum; for which John Laing plc would pay a modest £3 million.

The borough council is in the process of negotiating for the old Land Registry building in nearby Hawkenbury for £9m. It is also borrowing £20m for "undisclosed purposes", which is to acquire and refurbish the old Land Registry building, which it would then move into.

There have been widespread calls for Roy Bullock to resign as council leader, which I would endorse. Unfortunately, he is also our MP's election agent.

While Mr Clark has indeed spoken out on this redevelopment, I urge him to redouble his efforts to prevent the destruction of our town centre and greater community.

Dr Alan Bullion, Tunbridge Wells

The hidden agenda

I was dismayed to see you had hidden the real news story concerning the borough council's plans for the centre of Tunbridge Wells on pages 6 and 7 (September 19) while giving chief executive William Benson almost the whole of the front page to make his case for the council's view of what form the proposed regeneration should take.

To my mind, the genuine news story was your report of the very angry meeting of the civic society with Mr Benson where, at last, many deeply concerned townspeople were able to come together in public to vent their feelings about the proposed plans (which Mr Benson denied during the course of the meeting were plans, although he now makes that claim for them on your front page) which many fear will rip out the cultural and civic heart of our town.

You didn't even give a link from the main feature by Mr Benson – and I use the word 'by' quite deliberately – from the main story, to the account of the stormy public meeting, so people glancing at your paper could easily think his view of the subject was the only one expressed that week.

In conclusion, I hope you will give some attention to balancing out the council's carefully crafted statements with accounts by members of the public which do not have the seemingly untrammelled access to the local media that the council enjoys.

Anne Simpson, Tunbridge Wells

Kerb your enthusiasm

Alan Bullion (Letters, September 19) as usual fails to get to grips with the impacts of biofuels.

He appears not to have noticed how the car industry has turned away from other options and how major manufacturers are promoting electric vehicles. He has not noticed that major bus operators are using a variety of technologies which avoid the use of biofuels, such as in London and Oxford.

He is impervious to the known land-use problems and food price impacts of biofuels on countries which are experiencing severe rises in food prices.

He also is unaware of the large number of reports collected by Biofuel Watch and other campaigns that should curb his enthusiasm for biofuels of any type.

It is certainly true that the use of biomass as an energy source can offer considerable gains for poor rural village communities in developing countries, as in India.

But there is no need to waste such biomass by creating biofuels when electric vehicles would be more efficient.

For the UK, the rapidly expanding wind industry can add to safe, renewable electricity supplies faster than any other known source.

For Europe and the developing world, concentrated and conventional solar photovoltaics can transform our built environment over time into energy sources which will contribute immensely to our needs.

There is a real danger that the continued emphasis on biofuels, as in the vast areas devoted to soya production in Latin America, will detract from ensuring people in that region obtain adequate nutrition and the opportunity to use land for diverse forms of agricultural production.

The coalition Government should be looking at improving energy efficiency in general as one of many alternatives to cutting front-line services.

But it has cut its most useful body advising it on energy efficiency, the Sustainable Development Commission, so there is no more help there than in Alan Bullion's constant defence of inappropriate and inefficient use of biofuels.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

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Sam and Dawn are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alexander John Holden. Alex was born on 1st September 2010 weighing 9lb 2oz.

HURST
Max and Louise would like to announce the birth of their son Joseph Roger Roy Hurst on 8 September 2010, weighing 9lbs 12oz.

MAHER
Sheamus and Jo are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Caitlin Joyce Hei Yee, born on 18th August 2010, weighing 6lbs 1oz. A sister to Amy Mae Hei Ling.

MONAGHAN
Arin Carter Barry born on 1st September 2010, weighing 7lbs 2oz. Son to proud parents Barry and Jo-Ann Monaghan of Bearsted.

PALMER
Andy and Clair Palmer of River, Dover, celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter, Grace Naomi on 3rd September 2010.

REEKS
Sarah Tall and Stuart Reeks announce the birth of Alex Stuart Reeks, born 19th August 2010, weighing 7lb 11oz.

SHEPHERD
Nichola and Wayne Shepherd would like to announce the birth of their second child, Lauren Jayne, born on 3rd September 2010, weighing 8lbs 9ozs.

SINGH
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TWYMAN
Ross and Tracey are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Chloe Emma Twyman, born on the 7th September 2010.

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Ian and Rachel are happy to announce the birth of their son Oliver Ethan Vousden, born on 3rd September 2010, weighing 8lbs 10oz.

WILLIAMS
Kevin and Lynsey Williams would like to announce the birth of their son Owen Francis John Williams, born on the 14th August 2010 at 19.23pm, weighing 7lb. Mummy and Daddy would like to welcome Owen into his family, and love him very much.

DEATHS

FRISBY
Leslie Frisby of Folkestone, formerly of Gravesend, passed away peacefully after a long illness on 21st September 2010, aged 63.

GRISTWOOD
Ann Gristwood died peacefully after a painful illness. Will be sadly missed by her beloved companion Mr Cornelius Fox, her daughter Lynda, and grandson James. You are my sunshine.

LANE
Phyll, of Hythe, formerly of Croydon and Lingfield, died peacefully on 12th September 2010. Funeral has taken place.

SHERBORNE
Joan Doreen Sherborne died peacefully on September 19th 2010, aged 95 years. Funeral Service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 2pm on 1st of October.

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Isle lacking pride

Good for Whitstable and its independent shops – I wish our council and residents had fought to stop the ruination of Thanet.

Whitstable hasn't got a fast food shop every 50 yards. That is the down side of Thanet – cartons and rubbish everywhere. It has brought down the tone of the whole isle.

People in Whitstable have pride in their area, something we seem to lack.

All we have is food shops. No wonder so many Thanet people are obese. All you see is people stuffing their faces, smoking cigarettes and dropping chewing gum on pavements.

Dave Burt, Ramsgate

My circus mystery

I wonder if any readers can shed light on the following long-term mystery.

As a seven-year-old in the early summer of 1955, I was taken to see a small circus which visited Sevenoaks. This was described on posters as 'The Big Top Circus' and featured no animals, other than a few dogs. The memory that has stayed with me down the years is of seeing one of their caravans (a converted former single-decker bus) just outside the circus tent entrance.

The vehicle looked decidedly old-fashioned, although at the time, plenty of pre-war vehicles remained in normal service. This points to the vehicle dating from, probably, the late 1920s or very early 1930s.

This bus was of the rear-entrance type, and a man was cranking up a petrol generator just inside. He obviously succeeded just after we entered the tent, as the lights came on.

A while back I was looking at a website about Dennis 'E' single-deckers operated by the Aldershot & District Traction Company. The rear view of one of these (with bodywork by Strachan & Brown) reminded me of what I had seen in 1955. I contacted the Aldershot & District Bus Group, but they were unable to shed any light on it.

One possible line of inquiry would be to ascertain where this circus had its yard and then make inquiries in that area. However, not even the Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain has a record of a circus trading as The Big Top Circus, although that organisation did suggest the 1950s was the end of the era of small circus operators.

They suggested two possibilities: the Raymer family circus which used to spend the summer at Ramsgate; and the Weight family circus based at Wittersham, and later at Grafty Green. The former has been eliminated, but I am getting nowhere on the Weight possibility.

Does anyone out there have any idea as to whether this could have been the Weight circus? Or could it have been another small operator? If so, where was it based? I have been told that the fact a separate generator was being used points to the bus being petrol-engined. Once diesel vehicles (from 1933-34 onwards) started being sold to fairground and circus operators, it was usual for a circus to use the bus engine and dynamo to generate current for circus lighting. It is quite possible that this vehicle may have been a Dennis 'E', although by 1955 it seems likely such a vehicle would have been replaced not long afterwards. Any help would be appreciated.

John Humphrey, Sevenoaks

A little sensitivity

People in east Kent who visit their GP with what they thought was something minor can be surprised to be referred to a specialist under the 10-day urgent appointment system.

The NHS Eastern and Kent Coast Primary Care Trust advises doctors to tell patients the reason for the urgency. However, as in my case, many doctors, in order not to alarm patients, give an ambiguous answer.

An urgent referral inevitably raises the possibility that something serious is suspected – namely cancer. Any hope by the patient that they are being over-imaginative is quashed by a confirmatory letter from any of the three hospitals under the Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS Trust (Ashford, Canterbury and Margate), which states that the urgency is "to rule out the possibility of cancer".

I have written to the trust about the insensitivity of this, but it maintains it is a perfectly reasonable letter to send.

Far more thought is given to the letter sent by two neighbouring NHS trusts under the same circumstance. No more than a normal confirmatory letter is sent, on the grounds it is sufficient to have told the patient when making the appointment by phone that the reason for the urgency is because their doctor wishes them to be seen within 10 days.

In order not to worry the patient, cancer isn't mentioned. Neither should it be, when statistics show over 91 per cent of those referred will be found not to have the disease.

MH Wise, Canterbury

God's will ignored

Reading the arguments for and against the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church, with the claims and counterclaims, I see everyone has missed the elephant in the room.

Some claim the Catholic Church to be Christian, others ask how a Christian Church can be so evil and corrupt, but nobody asks whether the Church actually lives up to Christ's standards and represents his ministry.

The argument on both sides hinges on whether the Catholic Church represents Christ on this earth. I have read and re-read Christ's ministry and I can't find where he told us to kill or torture our enemies. In fact, he said we should love our enemies.

He told us to stay apart from the world's systems and yet we've seen Pope Pius XII colluding with Hitler (aka as Hitler's Pope), causing even more deaths of innocent people.

In two world wars Catholics killed Catholics and there's still sectarian violence in Ireland, where the bishops refuse to condemn the killing. As for the attempt to hide the abuse scandal, can you imagine what Christ would have said about that?

The celibacy rule, which causes so much heartache, is based on a fallacy, as if you look at Matthew 8:4 you'll see Jesus saw Peter's mother-in-law. Wherever you go down the checklist of Christ against the Catholic Church, they fail again and again.

This includes other established and establishment religions.

This is not about innocent people making mistakes, it's about churches more interested in their own interests than God's will. People are being driven away from Christ, as in their ignorance they really think these corrupt churches represent Jesus.

A basic knowledge of Christ's ministry proves they don't.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Stay out of politics

Why on Earth doesn't the Archbishop of Canterbury keep to what he is trained for and leave the political problems to the Government?

So many times in the past, men of the cloth have interfered in politics and made matters much worse. If the immigrants have been proven to be illegal, they should be immediately deported, they have no right to stay.

We can't support any more. We have British-born people suffering with no jobs, no houses and a small amount of money for benefits. They are feeling let down since the doors were left open for all and sundry to come to our country.

It wouldn't be so bad if they worked and put some money back into the taxes, but they only seem to work for 16 hours, which does not affect their benefits. They end up with more money each week than a born-and-bred Brit, who has paid his/her taxes for years.

So many immigrants go home for holidays. We are supplementing this luxury with benefits, when many of us go years without a holiday. Is this fair?

So please, Archbishop of Canterbury, keep to what you are paid to do and leave the rest to our Government. This is not a church matter.

C Russell, Ramsgate

Dark side of milk

Readers who know something about the UK dairy industry will know that unwanted calves may be shot at birth and their mothers – exhausted by repeated pregnancies and almost constant milking – are slaughtered.

The trend in the dairy industry is towards intensification and 'zero grazing'.

With this in mind, consumers may choose to buy products from New Zealand, where cows are kept at pasture.

However, in recent weeks, some of the more grisly details of the industry have leaked out, including the forced abortion of calves 8-12 weeks prematurely by about half of New Zealand's dairy farmers. They say this is to maximise milk production.

Reports indicate that some of the calves are stillborn, while others are alive and left to die. Milk production has dark and disturbing secrets and is a world away from the wholesome image presented in adverts.

Kate Fowler, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

Support for young

My brother has Type 1 diabetes so I know the impact it has on his life and how important it is to manage it.

But I've heard stories from children and young people about the emotional difficulties they deal with, which can make it harder for them to manage their condition. They say they've been teased, left out of things and bullied, all because they have diabetes.

It's hard enough being a teenager, then add to that the responsibilities of coping with diabetes, without having to be treated differently by school friends and adults. The emotional turmoil this can cause could also affect how well they manage their condition, which, if not treated properly, can lead to serious complications in later life.

There are some 20,000 children aged 15 and under with Type 1 diabetes in the UK, and it's thought another 2,000 children are diagnosed every year. Diabetes UK has written a Children's Charter, with a wishlist of 10 areas that could improve the experience for children with diabetes.

I urge readers to sign the Diabetes UK petition, calling for more support for children and young people, at www.diabetes.org.uk/childrenscharter

Melanie C, (singer and former Spice Girl), Diabetes UK

So quick to judge

Last week, rumours spread about the Conservative Party backtracking on the coalition agreement to end the detention of children.

The coalition's commitment to end child detention was a significant victory for the Liberal Democrats, who have long campaigned on this issue. Our commitment is watertight and the coalition is already looking at ways it can fulfil the promise.

As we are talking about the safety of often vulnerable children, it would be in no-one's interest to rush through changes.

I think it was unseemly that Labour MPs were so judgemental so early. Perhaps they are desperate for people to forget it was them who locked these children up.

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Free course for 'silver surfers'

THE over-50s are being invited on a free silver surfer course which promises to teach them all they need to know about using the internet.

The Gravesham Borough Council-led eight-week programme, which takes places every Monday and Tuesday between 1-3pm, is being held at The Grand in Gravesham.

To find out more about the course and to register, contact Lauren Taylor or Christian Blanc at The Grand on 01474 320123. Alternatively, email lauren.taylor@gravesham.gov.uk or christian.blanc@gravesham.gov.uk.

Taster days are calling the tune

A MUSIC school has teamed up with Kent Adult Education to encourage more adults to get involved in making music.

Kent Music, which teaches all ages, is holding taster days for adults in Sevenoaks next month, with sessions in African drumming on October 2, 10am-1pm, costing £26; and a jazz taster on October 9, 10am-2pm, priced at £35.

Courses are also being held in Canterbury, with a keyboard taster session on September 29, 11am-noon, and electronic keyboard for beginners starting two weeks later.

Kent Music will also be running courses in classical guitar and folk guitar in January. For more details visit www.kent.gov.uk/adulted or call 0845 606 5606.

NEW courses ranging from belly-dancing to meditation are on offer at the Ashford Adult Education Centre.

Spaces are limited and organisers are urging people who are interested to sign up now.

The courses are in soft furnishings, sewing, felt-making, body tone, Pilates, salsa, aerobics, belly-dancing, climbing, languages, sign language, t'ai chi, yoga, meditation, counselling, learning support, calligraphy, drawing, painting and watercolours.

For more information or to enrol call 0845 606 5606 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/adulted.

TWO apprentices have been commended for their work in Britain's biggest construction skills competition.

Tom Peck, from Bexley, took the SkillBuild 2010 gold medal in the 'built up felt roofing' category; and Samuel Matthews, from Faversham, scooped a WorldSkills silver medal in stonemasonry.

Mr Peck, 21, an apprentice for Capital Roofing and a student at the National Construction College, said: "It feels fantastic to be named as one of the UK's best trainees."

Mr Matthews, 24, who attends the Building Crafts College and works at Canterbury Cathedral, said: "Winning really helps to boost your confidence and I've made all those who supported me very proud."

Lilly the plumber's hands-on approach

By **MARIJKE COX**
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A YOUNG apprentice has been given the chance to bring a woman's touch to the typically male world of plumbing.

Lilly Godley-Miller, of Great Brooms Road, Tunbridge Wells, was taken on as a trainee plumber by Connaught Partnerships to work on reactive repairs at Town and Country Housing group properties.

Her job involves fitting cisterns, kitchens and toilets in tenanted homes across the county. She said: "The reaction from tenants when I turn up at their homes is great, especially from the older generation.

"They know to expect a plumber at a certain time so it can be a bit of a shock when I turn up. But after the initial surprise they seem to really like that there is a young, local woman doing the work."

The 18-year-old first considered learning a trade after finishing secondary school and enrolled in a City and Guilds course at West Kent College.

She said: "I've always been a hands-on person. We have a lot of tradespeople in our family – my dad is a bricklayer and I have uncles who are carpenters and roofers – but no plumbers, so I thought I'd have a go at that."

APPRENTICE: plumber Lilly Godley-Miller

As the only girl on the course, Lilly admitted to being intimidated at first, but she successfully completed her City and Guilds, also gaining an A-level in the built environment.

From her first day with Connaught she was shadowing an experienced plumber and working in tenanted properties.

"It's a totally different ball game to what I was doing at college, but it is definitely good to put into practice what I learned," she said.

"There's lots of pressure to produce exceptional work, but that is understandable as it is someone else's home you are working in and they obviously want it to look nice.

"As a local girl I know what it means to people living in the area to have their homes improved and it is so satisfying to be part of the process."

The company said it was keen to show there were opportunities available and that plumbing is not just a male occupation.

Russell Folk, Connaught project manager, said: "Lilly has only been with us for a short while but she has already brought tremendous enthusiasm to the team.

"Her work has been excellent and her friendly approach has certainly been a big hit with tenants, so I have no doubts that if she carries on in this manner she can look forward to a very successful career."

For information about opportunities available, visit www.connaught.plc.uk.

Young mums' apprenticeship chance

VULNERABLE young people are to benefit from a new apprenticeship scheme being piloted by Kent County Council.

The project will give teenagers the opportunity to carry out a year's paid work experience to help them improve their career prospects. It is aimed specifically at supporting young parents, offenders, those who have left care and people with disabilities and mental health problems.

Single mother Kandice, 20, is the first person to have signed up for the scheme, and this week began her apprenticeship at Howletts wild animal park at Bekesbourne, near Canterbury.

The animal lover said she thought having a son with no friends or family to support her had put paid to any career ambitions.

"I was bored, did nothing every day and hardly had any money," she said. "I lost all confidence in myself and didn't think I'd do anything with my life. I thought, 'I'm bored and this is what my life is going to be like now because I'm a mum'."

Kandice's dream job as a child was to work with lions and tigers and to be a conservationist, so one of her first jobs at Howletts was to feed the big cats.

"It's the best thing that has ever happened to me because it has made all my dreams come true," she said. "I can go home to my son and I have done something with my life – something to make everyone proud of me.

"People like me just need to believe in themselves and go for it. If you really want to do something then you will."

Because employers are less likely to offer apprenticeships to troubled youngsters, KCC pays their wages of £105 per week through the Kent Success scheme.

Support is also offered to employers by way of the South East Apprenticeship Company, which acts as the apprentice's line manager and also takes responsibility for administration and paperwork. There are 80 places on offer, of which 20 will be at KCC itself.

Cabinet member for community services Cllr Mike Hill said: "This scheme will give a real taste of being in the workplace and we are determined to make a difference to the lives of these young people who are finding it particularly difficult to get a job.

"We want to make sure everyone has the opportunities to succeed and to help those who are especially vulnerable."

Visit www.kentapprenticeships.com for more information.

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Closing date: **9th October 2010**

For application packs please contact Human Resources Department

Telephone 01843 222429
email: hr@royalschoolfordeaf.kent.sch.uk

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KOS MEDIA (PUBLISHING) LTD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Advertisements will be accepted only on the express condition that the advertiser warrants that the advertisement does not in any way contravene any existing legislation and in particular the Trade and Description Act 1968 and the Consumer Credit Act 1974.
2. It is the responsibility of all advertisers to ensure that all advertising meets all forms of government legislation and KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd (the "media owner") takes no responsibility for liability in errors and omissions to the content of our media.
3. All rates quoted are subject to VAT at the rate currently in force at the time the advertisement appears.
4. All rates within the annual advertising agreement will be rate protected for 12 months from the first date of publication under the signed agreement.
5. Any unsuitable material posted on any website belonging to KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd by the advertiser or any associated third party will be removed or refused. All passwords and security supplied to the advertiser by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd in relation to the use of the posting of material via the media owner's online administration tool will be the responsibility of the advertiser. The advertiser indemnifies KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd against any damages as a result of misuse of these privileges by either the advertiser or any third party given password privileges by the advertiser.
6. KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd reserves the right to change passwords intermittently to ensure the overall and ongoing security of its websites within the public domain.
7. Copyright and licenses for voice-over/music/photography or film for advertising promotions or otherwise within the various forms of media in print, online and moving film owned by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd must have been sought, verified or paid for by the advertiser where applicable. Approval or permissions must have been given by any potential beneficial owner voice-over or music. The advertiser must be able to verify any statements or claims (promotional or otherwise) in relation to their products/services promoted within any of the media offerings belonging to KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd.
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10. A guarantee of insertion cannot be given and the media owners shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused by any error inaccuracy within your marketing content. In no case shall the total liability of the media owner for any error or omission exceed the price charged by the media owners for that advertising.
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13. KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions made on their websites by the advertiser.
14. KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd has the right to cancel the advertiser's annual membership without notice should the advertiser deliberately publish out of date material or content on any of the media owner's online digital platforms. KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd will seek to recover, in full, all outstanding invoices in relation to the signed annual membership as a result of the advertiser's negligence in this regard and reserves the right to claim damages for any potential vexatious action via the advertiser.
15. Advertisers are requested to check their advertisements after the first insertion. The media owner will not be responsible for any errors on subsequent insertions, which have not been advised to them in writing.
16. A minimum of one month's notice must be given in writing for any cancellation of the signed annual advertiser's agreement. Upon cancellation, all discounts from KOS Media's standard effective media advertising rate card (July 2008-June 2009) will be recalculated and adjusted accordingly in line with KOS Media's standard media rate card (effective July 2008-June 2009) and will reflect the revised length of commitment denoted by the advertiser's written cancellation. Any surcharges, refunds or costs in relation to the production of the advertiser's TV commercial for the commitment set out within the advertiser's agreement will be met in full by the advertiser as per KOS Media's standard media advertising rate card (July 2008-June 2009). Discounts will be reapplied and any refunds or surcharges will be paid by either party within 30 days of the advertiser's written cancellation. Any other advertising placed must give a minimum of seven days' written notice and any discounts given for series bookings will be forfeited by the advertiser upon cancellation.
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20. Each advertiser accepts that their ranking and position within KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd's search engine will be equal to those within their category (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc) other than they will be ranked based on the search engine criteria of optimisation within their level (Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze).
21. Any delivery claims made by the advertiser or discount vouchers published within the print or online media of KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd and any action as a result of the public or otherwise is the sole responsibility of the advertiser. Any claims resulting from this via KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd must be met by the advertiser.
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23. Any discount which KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd may have agreed with the Advertiser shall be forfeited in the event of failure by the Advertiser to complete the contract or to meet the above credit terms.
24. Advertising Agency commission will be allowed to those advertisers recognised by the Newspaper Society, but shall not exceed ten per cent and will be subject to the terms of that recognition. This commission will not be allowed if the Advertising Agency fails to meet the terms.
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27. An order for an advertisement shall amount to acceptance of these terms and conditions, and any condition placed on an order by an Advertiser shall be null and void in so far as it conflicts with them.
28. Copyright in advertisements produced wholly or partially by the media owners belong to KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd. Advertisers may not reproduce such advertisements without the media owner's written consent.

All terms and conditions stated above are in place to protect the advertiser, the media owner and the communities they serve within the public domain as well as the beneficial rights of individuals and organisations. KOS Media will endeavour to always act reasonably in applying its terms and conditions.

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Salary: Dependent on experience

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The successful candidate will be an individual who has experience of teaching within this sector and who has a vision as to how Pent Valley Technology College can provide real life applied learning experiences for its students in the motor vehicle industry.

Good interpersonal skills are extremely important. This position is suitable for an energetic person who enjoys being with teenagers and can cope with a busy learning environment.

CLERK TO GOVERNORS

Hours: Flexible
Salary: Kent Scheme 7 (£20,262-£23,053 pro rata per annum)
Responsible to: Chair of Governors

We are seeking a confident individual to provide clerical support to our school's governing body. You will need good listening, literacy, communication and organisational skills. You will be working from home and school for a minimum of 2 hours per week rising to 12/15 hours per week during busy periods; therefore you will need to be very flexible. Your duties will include arranging meetings, agendas and taking minutes. You will be responsible for keeping mandatory records up to date, receiving and circulating correspondence plus other administrative and clerking duties as required.

Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Contact: Miss S Spratley
Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218
Closing Date: 23rd September 2010
Interviews: to be confirmed

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Please apply for an application pack via e-mail to: lsimmons@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or in writing to Mrs L Simmons, School Bursar. Visits to the College are encouraged.

Closing date: Friday 1st October 2010

Interviews to be held W/c 4th October 2010

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

Assistant Project Manager *Ref: APM01*

Salary: c£25k (dependent on qualifications and experience), Maidstone

MidKent College has identified an exciting opportunity for an Assistant Project Manager to play a lead role in the development of its Maidstone Campus, a £20m project including significant refurbishment and new build. With an engineering/construction background, and a sound knowledge of Prince2 and MS Project, the ideal candidate will be a graduate with 2-3 years experience looking to broaden his/her career portfolio.

Responsible to the College Assistant Project Director, as the key point of contact between the consultant project management design team and the College, the APM will be responsible for the preparation, collation and storage of all project data and for liaison with the PM team; curriculum staff and LA planners etc.

This is a full time position that demands enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to deliver an important project safely, and to time quality and cost. The initial contract is for 12 months, extendable to 2 years, for the right candidate.

***CLOSING DATE:* Friday 1 October 2010**

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Application forms and further details are available from **www.midkent.ac.uk**. Alternatively, please e-mail **job.applications@midkent.ac.uk**. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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We have an exciting opportunity to recruit a passionate individual to teach, assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes. The applicant must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and should hold, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

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This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount, and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please telephone (stating the role for which you are applying):
Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3SP (01634 338236)

Please note CV's will not be accepted. Closing date: 8.10.10

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Contracts Support

Maidstone outskirts
Salary c£23,000
Our client is looking for a candidate to support the Contracts Coordinator and the Tender Team in this demanding role. You will have previous experience in sourcing, circulating, completing and maintaining Tenders/PPQ's. Duties also include preparation of work schedules, compilation of daily productivity reports and booking road permits. You will have excellent communication skills, be a team player, work on your own initiative, have attention to detail, the ability to think creatively and write/tailor documents according to tender/PQQ requirements. Due to location own transport is essential.
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Please visit the Council's website www.wyeparish.info <http://www.wyeparish.info> for a job description, person specification and application details. Closing date for the receipt of applications is 15th October 2010. Interviews will take place on the evening of 2nd November 2010.

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Chefs and Waitstaff required for restaurant in Bexley Heath. Would suit someone looking to advance their career.
Must have necessary qualifications.
For more information tel. Bobby 07790924436
or
info@thebankrestaurantandbar.co.uk
To apply/more information:
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Experience is essential within the industry together with management skills in leading a small team.
For more information please contact Wayne on 01622 815100
To apply/more information:
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Medway/Maidstone
Salary £8 - £11.00 per hour (depending on shift times)
You must be in receipt of either a qualification or a minimum of 2 years experiance with working in Residential, Nursing, EMI homes or with Adults with Learning Difficulties.
A Driving License is a bonus but not essential.
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To apply/more information:
Beez Neez
dainesa@hotmail.co.uk
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Experienced Hair Stylist

Folkestone & Tonbridge
Salary Salary Negotiable
Design-A-Head
Require an experienced hair stylist for their salons in Tonbridge and Folkestone. Please call Tony Charlton for an interview
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Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

Windows Software Engineer

Margate
Salary £39-45K
TV One Ltd is a leading UK manufacturer for Audio & Video conversion products for the Pro AV, Broadcast and Live Events markets.
We are looking for 4 candidates to work as part of a growing R&D team located in East Kent, primarily focused on High Definition video conversion systems based around our proprietary CORIO® technology.
Windows Software Engineer - £39-45K
Primarily responsible for the design and development of Windows & Web based technologies to control our range of video processing products. Key Skills: Fluent in Visual studio C# / Visual Basic; Experience of designing GUI's with timeline functionality; Web Development
To apply contact:
Amanda Holges, TV One Ltd. Unit V, Continental Approach,Westwood Industrial Estate, Margate, Kent. CT9 4JG
Tel: 01843 873300
recruit.europe@tvone.com
http://www.tvone.eu
To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Waitstaff

Bexley Heath
Salary Salary Negotiable
Chefs and Waitstaff required for restaurant in Bexley Heath. Would suit someone looking to advance their career.
Must have necessary qualifications.
For more information tel. Bobby 07790924436
or
info@thebankrestaurantandbar.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Bank Restaurant and Bar (The)
infobankrestaurantandbar.co.uk
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Activities Co-ordinator

Gillingham
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Awareness of naval traditions an advantage. Hours and salary discussed at interview, please call 01634 852431 for application form.
Closing date for applications 1st October 2010.
To apply/more information:
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jotrembeth@pembrokehouse-rnbt.org.uk
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Management, Senior Positions

R&D Manager

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R&D Manager - £49-55K + Benefits
Primarily responsible for the Project, Product and Personnel Management of the R&D Department including Customer liaison for OEM products and bespoke design. Key Skills: Experience in Team Leading/Management of R&D team; Good Project Management skills; Good Systems Design knowledge
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recruit.europe@tvone.com
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Workshop Controller

Folkestone
Salary Salary Negotiable
MOTOR TRADE AFTERSALESOPPORTUNITIES AT KAP MOTORGROUPDue to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestonebranch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Workshop ControllerWe require the services of a qualified technician to run our busy multi franchise workshop. Previous experience in this role would be preferred but not essential, the successful candidate needs to be energetic, have good technical knowledge, be able to organise a very busy workshop, have basic IT skills and leadership qualities.
The successful applicants for the above positions will be working for a well established multi-franchise dealership, benefits include a generous remuneration package anda fantastic opportunity to further their career within the motor industry.
To apply please contact Lynda Brazier on 01303249656or email lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.ukShorncliffe Motor Park, Ross Way, Folkestone CT20 3UJ
To apply/more information:
KAP (Kent Auto Panels) Ltd
lynda.brazier@kapmotorgroup.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Service Advisor

Folkestone
Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestonebranch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Service AdvisorAn experienced Service Advisor is needed for our busyfront counter.
Experience in one of our franchises would be beneficial but not essential. The successful applicant must be able to work under pressure and have good peopleskills. The role includes serving customers on a day to day basis and advising on work required so some mechanicalknowledge would be an advantage.
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Customer Care Assistant

Folkestone
Salary Salary Negotiable
Due to the complete refurbishment of our Folkestonebranch we need to fill the following vacancies.
Customer Care AssistantThis role involves maintaining our excellent customersatisfaction index, calling customers to book MOTs andservices. Contacting customers after they have visitedKAP to ensure they our happy with any work carried outby us and are completely satisfied. Running daily CSI andworkshop diary reports. The successful applicant wouldneed to have basic IT skills with a good knowledge ofexcel, and have a good phone manner with an upbeatpersonality.
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Commercial Workshop Manager

Sheerness
Salary Salary Negotiable
Commercial Workshop Manager Engineering Manager to take fullresponsibility for the day to day runningof the engineering function which operates24 hours each day.The successful applicant will have extensiveworkshop experience and an appropriateAutomotive engineering qualification.Experience in the bus and coach industry is an advantage.You must be fully conversant with the appropriate VOSAand Health and Safety regulations and best practice.Also required, Bus and Coach fitters.
To apply for both positions, please send CV to either Mr Tim Lambkin,Travelmasters,Dorset Road,Industrial Estate, Sheerness,Kent. ME12 1LT
Or by email to: Tim@travel-masters.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Travelmasters
Tim@travel-masters.co.uk
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Bus and Coach fitters

Sheerness
Salary Salary Negotiable
Engineering Manager to take fullresponsibility for the day to day runningof the engineering function which operates24 hours each day.The successful applicant will have extensiveworkshop experience and an appropriateAutomotive engineering qualification.Experience in the bus and coach industry is an advantage.You must be fully conversant with the appropriate VOSAand Health and Safety regulations and best practice.Also required, Bus and Coach fitters.To apply for both positions, please send CV to either Mr Tim Lambkin,Travelmasters,Dorset Road,Industrial Estate, Sheerness,Kent. ME12 1LT
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LGV 1 Drivers x 10

Aylesford & Snodland
Salary £25K to £28K
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Salaried positions are avialable on PM,s and Nights on a fixed shift pattern involving weekends.
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Not for profit, Charities

Accountant

Folkestone
Salary From £25k p.a.
Do you have the commitment to Folkestone's regeneration that we need at the heart of our organisation? Do you have the breadth of accountancy skills to thrive in a busy and varied environment?
The Creative Foundation organises arts festivals and manages a property portfolio through its charitable arm, and controls the trading arm which runs Quarterhouse, a multi-arts venue.
We need an experienced Accountant, at least part qualified, to join our Finance Director and Accounts Assistant, to provide accounting support from basic input through to credit control and monthly management reporting.
For more information about our work, please see www.creativefoundation.org.uk www.folkestonetriennial.org.uk www.quarterhouse.co.uk
For more details about the job and application process, please see:
http://www.creativefoundation.org.uk/job_opportunities1.html
We have retained Year One Consulting to support this recruitment; you can call them on 01227 811 777 for an informal discussion.
Closing date: 12noon 1st October 2010Interviews: w/c 11th October 2010
We welcome applicants from all sectors of the community.
To apply/more information:
Creative Foundation
nick@creativefoundation.org.uk
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Volunteers

Thanet
Salary Out of Pocket Expenses
PUT YOUR HAND UP AND VOLUNTEER FOR HOME-START THANET
Use your skills and experience as a parent by supporting another parent who is finding life difficult at present.
We offer initial and on-going training to our volunteers. It is FREE with out of pocket expenses reimbursed. For giving just a few hours a week, you will get so much back!
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CALL NOW on 01843 866344 or email:
homestart.thanet@tiscali.co.uk
Attention: Sharon
To apply/more information:
Homestart - Broadstairs
homestart.thanet@tiscali.co.uk
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Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Senior Support Workers

Sidcup
Salary
Loring Hall
We look after people with Learning Difficulties and who may have challenging behaviours.
We are currently recruiting for the following:
Senior Support Workers
Support Workers
Waking Night Staff
If you have a passion for the role and the experience, call Colin Miller or Brendan Coll now! CRB checks necessary.
Loring Hall, 8 Water Lane, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5ES
Tel: 020 8302 9302 Email: loring@oakfields.net
To apply/more information:
Oakfields Care
loring@oakfields.net
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Qualified & Registered Nurses (Clinical Advisors)

Coxheath
Salary Band 5, £21,176 - £27,534 + 25% unsocial hour payment
PASSIONATE ABOUT PATIENT CARE.
Qualified & Registered Nurses (Clinical Advisors)
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For an informal discussion, please contact Daniel Garratt, Senior Distribution Manager on 07825 386491 or apply online at www.jobs.nhs.uk quoting reference 278-CLINADVISOR-0510-JT
Closing date: 18 November 2010.
An Equal Opportunities Employer
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Paediatric Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Maidstone
Salary Salary Negotiable
Paediatric Specialist Speech and Language TherapistFive Acre Wood is a successful outward looking and expanding school currently with 166 pupilsaged 4-19 years with profound severe and complex needs. The school will be expanding toprovide for 210 pupils.We have a vacancy for a term time only Speech and Language Therapist, working 321/2 hours aweek.Pay will be on Kent Scheme Bands 8/9 (equivalent to NHS Band 6).Our future colleague will:Be a very good practitioner and effective communicatorHave a desire to ensure that all pupils achieve their potentialHave a commitment to working closely with families and with colleaguesBe excited by the prospect of working in an expanding communityWe will offer you:Inspiring and enthusiastic pupils - The opportunity to help to shape the future schoolOpenness and support from caring colleagues - A creative and innovative environmentIf this opportunity is for you please contact Maria on 01622 743925 for an information pack.Closing date: Friday 24th September 2010 - Interview date to be arrangedAny offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced CRB.Five Acre Wood is an Equal Opportunities employer.Five Acre Wood and all its personnel are committed to safeguarding children and young people
To apply/more information:
Five Acre Wood Special School
office@five-acre.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Senior Care Assistant

Faversham
Salary Salary Negotiable
Senior Care Assistant requiredto work in a residentialhome in Faversham for the elderly.
Must have NVQ3 (or working towards)and 2 years experience at supervisory level.35 to 40 hours on rota basis
For further details please call 01795 532629
To apply/more information:
Carnalea Residential Home
eldercare@carnalea.com
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DEPUTY MANAGER

Romnety Marsh
Salary Salary Negotiable
VACANY FOR A DEPUTY MANAGERIN A CARE HOME REGISTERED FOR 29 YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM / ASPERGERS SYNDROME
•Appropriate qualification essential: NVQ 4 in Care Qualified preferred, however other relevant care related Qualifications considered.•Minimum two years experience essential in a managerial position working with young adults with Learning Disabilities or Mental Health conditions•Driver essentialNormal hours - Mon to Fri, (but some flexibility may be required to meet the needs of the service) plus on callSalary dependent on qualifications & experience £18,000-£22,000 p.a.
Closing date for application 1 October 2010For an application form & job description please phone Jennifer on 01797 363550The Springs Community, St. Mary's Bay, Kent
To apply/more information:
Cygnet Health Ltd
autism@thespringscommunity.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Care co-ordinator

Ashford
Salary Salary Negotiable

Kimberley Stevens - tel: 0845 270 2881
Or alternatively email:
kim@communitycareagency.co.uk
To apply/more information:
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hernebay@home-service.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Children's Support Worker

East Kent
Salary £21,519 - £27,849
Children's Support Worker - Sunlight Project,East KentFull and part time considered • £21,519 - £27,849 plus Essential Car User Allowance of up to £1,239 (salary and benefits pro-rata for part time)KCA Young Persons' Services provide specialist substance misuse services for children, young people, their families and carers. The Sunlight Project, fundedby the Big Lottery Fund, offers support to children from substance misusing families in Swale, Dover,Thanet and Ashford. We require a support worker to deliver our group work programmes aimed at 7-13 year old children who are affected by someone else's misuse of substances.The groups promote emotional and psychological well-being through structured sessions.The project works closely with Children's Social Services, schools andother children's services. You will need experience of working with vulnerable children and delivering group work interventions. Ideally you will also have a sound knowledge of substance misuse issues.Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk, email recruitment@kca.org.uk or telephone 01795 590795selecting option three. Please quote ref 709.Closing date: 1 October 2010 at 5.00pm. Interview date: 19 October 2010.KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse.Charity No: 292824www.kca.org.uk
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
admin@kca.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 709

4 x Care Assistants Needed!!

Medway/Maidstone
Salary £8 - £11.00 per hour
(depending on shift times)
4 x Care Assistants Needed in the Medway and Maidstone Area.
We are a Multi-Award Winning Agency with a passion for both serving Clients and Candidates in a fair manner.
You must be in receipt of either a qualification or a minimum of 2 years experiance with working in Residential, Nursing, EMI homes or with Adults with Learning Difficulties.
A Driving License is a bonus but not essential.
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To apply/more information:
George Krajewski Dental Practice
george.krajewski@sky.com
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Retail, Wholesale, Sales

German Speaking Sales Executive

Maidstone
Salary c£20,000
Our client, an established manufacturing company, is looking for a new member of their sales team to increase sales in the German speaking markets. Telemarketing and Telesales form a large part of the role and you will need to be self motivating, professional and able to form successful client relationships. Other key elements of this exciting new position include handling incoming sales queries, sales activity management, samples for trialling and constructing quotes. Full fluency in written and spoken German essential
To apply/more information:
Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
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Parts Assistant

Folkestone
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

TRAINEE SALES PEOPLE

West Kent
Salary Salary Negotiable
BLACK TIE FOODS are looking for TRAINEE SALES PEOPLE in the West Kent area.
If you are looking for excellent rates of pay and good prospects with full training provided, call us now on 0800 848 8507
To apply/more information:
Black Tie Foods Ltd
blacktie@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Demand Planner

West Kent
Salary c£28,000
A rare opportunity to work in a medium sized but fast moving subsidiary of a multi-national organisation. With a minimum of 3 years experience gained working as a demand/forecast planner within the FMCG environment you will have advanced excel and excellent communication skills.
Knowledge of S&OP processes and long range forecasting is essential with knowledge of forecasting tools, resource planning software, SAP and Manugistics an advantage.
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Interpersonnel
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Quoting Job Ref: 1700

Sales People

London & South East
Salary Competitive
A superb opportunity has arisen to join one of the UK's leading maintenance and installers of access equipment. They have arguably the best reputation in the UK and pride themselves upon high quality and service.
To build upon longstanding success they require a dynamic self motivated sales person who can help them maintain and develop the growth of the business. In return they will offer a competitive salary with company vehicle.
The role will be to manage existing accounts as well as winning new business in installation and service. You will be mainly working in London and the South East. The role will also involve contact on a daily basis with an existing variety of customers in which it will be essential to maintain good relationships.
You will be computer literate and have experience in a similar background, selling a service not just making a sale. A proven track record is essential.
If you would like to be considered for this position, please forward your CV with a covering letter stating why you are suitable for this role to HR Dept Box 126, Applebarn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS.
To apply/more information:
Introland
tony@introland.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

Class 1 or 2 Drivers

Aylesham
Salary £1600 per month
Class 1 or 2 drivers full time Digital card needed continental experince Double manning Adr an Advantage
£1600/month Based at Aylesham
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email:info@bmexpressfreight.co.uk
To apply/more information:
B & M Express Freight
info@bmexpressfreight.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Shipping Clerk

Maidstone
Salary £neg
Our client based in Maidstone is looking for a shipping clerk with both import and export experience. You must be fully conversant with Letters of Credit, customers clearance and bonded procedures.
To apply/more information:
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TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION OF A DIRECTION MADE UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 6 APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has confirmed a Direction made under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to which Article 6 applies ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

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A copy of the Direction and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 10am and 4pm on Saturday.

The Direction was made by the Authority on 13 July 2010 and came into force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice on the 17 July 2010. The Direction was confirmed on 22 September 2010 and remains in force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 2 - MINOR OPERATIONS
Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 4 - TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND USES
Class B

The use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be for the purposes referred to in paragraph B.2, and the provision on the land of any movable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

SECOND SCHEDULE
A parcel of land having an area of some 0.606524 hectares west of Pixot Hill, Brenchley, Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS

Dated : 25 September 2010

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/02980/FUL Old Palace High Street, Brenchley
- New external gates in existing undercroft(LB) (CA)

10/02968/LBC 19 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Listed Building Consent - basement and ground floor alterations (LB)

10/02833/OUT Land Adj Cedar Cottage, Goudhurst
- Extension of Time - Outline (means of access not reserved) - Detached dwelling TW/07/03069/OUT refers) (CA) (LB)

10/02874/FULMJ Playing Fields Bethany School, Goudhurst
- Replace existing rugby pitch with synthetic sports pitch, including associated cut and fill and erection of fencing (MAJOR)

10/02948/FUL Maypole Farm Maypole Lane, Goudhurst
- Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (CA)

10/02825/LBC Steam Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Change of use of lower ground floor store to part of detached annex living accommodation (amendment to TW10/00860/LBC - relocation of proposed internal staircase and boiler flue) (LB)

10/02826/HOUSE Steam Cottage Water Lane, Hawkhurst
- Change of use of lower ground floor store to part of detached annex living accommodation (Amendment to TW10/00856/HOUSE - addition of boiler flue) (LB)

10/02954/FUL OS Plot 6535, Heartenoak Bridge Heartenoak Road, Hawkhurst
- Variation of Conditions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Planning permission TW/07/03249 - Retention of caravan site for two mobile homes and two touring caravans (DEVPLN)

10/02978/LBC Slip Mill Cottage Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Retain repair and replacement of French doors already carried out (LB)

10/02869/LBC Victoria House Stores High Street, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent: Replacement of existing signage (LB)

10/02917/FUL Unit 2 Christchurch Centre, Pantiles & St Marks
- Change of use from shop (A1) to cafe (A3) and minor interior and exterior alterations (CA) (LB)

10/02945/FUL The Meeting House Little Mount Sion, Pantiles & St Marks
- Part Retrospective - Relocation of cooling units (CA)

10/02967/HOUSE 4 Cumberland Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Amendments to planning permission TW/10/01246/FUL (Demolish outbuildings and replace with a single storey flat roof extension; Alterations to existing building) - Change to position of utility room and WC (CA) (LB)

10/02969/LBC 4 Cumberland Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Amendment to Listed Building Consent TW/10/01247/LBC (Demolish outbuildings and replace with a single storey flat roof extension; Alterations to existing building including enlarging small first floor window to North West elevation and demolition of redundant external chimney) – Change to position of utility room and WC (LB)

10/02979/HOUSE Parkside House Dunorlan Park, Park
- Conversion and increase in height of existing garage to provide ancillary residential accommodation (CA)

10/02962/HOUSE 93 Woodhill Park Pembury, Pembury
- Attached garage and secure store (CA)

10/02926/FUL 10 Gorse Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Sherwood
- Erection of 1 no. 3 bed 5 person detached dwelling located on the land south-east of no. 10 Gorse Road. Associated hard and soft landscaping including 1 no. off road parking space to the proposed property and 1 no. new off road parking space provided for the existing occupants of no. 10 Gorse Road (CA)

10/02977/LBC Packs In The Wood Hilbert Road, St James
- Listed Building Consent - Take down central chimney stack and rebuild to replace seriously decayed brickwork (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 25 September 2010

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE CONFIRMATION OF A DIRECTION MADE UNDER ARTICLE 4(1)

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FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 5 – CARAVAN SITES

Class A

The use of the land, other than a building, as a caravan site in the circumstances referred to in paragraph A.2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 6 – AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A – Development on units of 5 hectares or more

(a) Works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building; or
(b) any excavation or engineering operations which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit.

Class B – Development on units of less than 5 hectares

(a) the extension or alteration of an agricultural building;
(b) the installation of additional or replacement plant or machinery;
(c) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a sewer, main, pipe, cable or other apparatus;
(d) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a private way;
(e) the provision of a hard surface;
(f) the deposit of waste; or
(g) the carrying out of any of the following operations in connection with fish farming, namely, repairing ponds and raceways; the installation of grading machinery, seration equipment or flow meters and any associated channel; the dredging of ponds; and the replacement of tanks and nets, where the development is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the unit.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 7 – FORESTRY BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A

The carrying out on land used for the purposes of forestry, including afforestation, of development reasonably necessary for those purposes consisting of :-

(a) works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building:
(b) the formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways;
(c) operations on that land, or on land held or occupied with that land, to obtain the materials required for the formation, alteration or maintenance of such ways;
(d) other operations (not including engineering or mining operations).

SECOND SCHEDULE

A parcel of land having an area of some 0.606524 hectares west of Pixot Hill Brenchley Kent.

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
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Dated: 25 September 2010

HIGHWAYS – District of Ashford

PETT LANE, CHARING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of electrical maintenance works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Pett Lane, Charing, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property 'Kent Croft'. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with High Street/The Hill and Woodbrook.

The alternative route is via The Hill, A252 Cantebury Road (Charing Hill), Pilgrims Way, Toll Lane and Pett Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

THORNDEN WOOD ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway resurfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Thornden Wood Road, Herne Bay from the junction with Hackington Road to the junction with Greenhill Road on or after 27 September 2010 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until the works are complete.

The various side roads leading from Thornden Wood Road will be closed at their junctions as the works progress. These will be sign posted on site, with local diversions set up.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Radfall Road, Chestfield Road, A2990 Old Thanet Way and Greenhill Road.

HIGHWAYS – District of Dover

MIDDLE DEAL ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Middle Deal Road, Deal on or after 17 October 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with A258 London Road and Orchard Avenue.

The alternative route is via A258 London Road and Bowling Green Lane.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Deal, on or after 19 October 2010 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates and alternative routes are as follows.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace and **Deal Castle Road** between the junctions with Sondes Road and Victoria Road, from 19 October 2010 for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

Ranelagh Road for its entire length, from 20 October 2010 for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

A258 Beach Street and **Prince of Wales Terrace**, from the Broad Street Roundabout to the junction with Sondes Road, from 21 October for 2 nights between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

This phase will done in 2 stages, either side of the junction with South Street.

This phase will also include **South Street** itself, between the junctions with Beach Street and Middle Street.

The alternative route for light vehicles is via Gilford Road, Park Avenue, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street and Prince of Wales Terrace.

For HGVs and vehicles over 13' 0" tall, the alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, London Road, Manor Road, Mill Hill, St Richard's Road, Court Road, Station Road, A258 Dover Road, The Strand, Victoria Road, Ranelagh Road (return via Deal Castle Road) and Prince of Wales Terrace.

South Street, Sondes Road, Stanley Road, Clanwilliam Road and Ranelagh Road will each be closed at their junctions with Prince of Wales Terrace as the works progress, as signposted on site.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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The roads will be closed in phases, as follows.

A258 Beach Street and **Prince of Wales Terrace**, from the Broad Street Roundabout to the junction with South Street, for 1 night between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace between the junctions with South Street and Sondes Road, for 1 night between the hours of 8.00 pm and midnight.

A258 Prince of Wales Terrace and **Deal Castle Road** between the junctions with Sondes Road and Victoria Road, for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

Ranelagh Road for its entire length for 1 day off-peak, between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The alternative route for light vehicles is via Gilford Road, Park Avenue, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street and Prince of Wales Terrace.

For HGVs and vehicles over 13' 0" tall, the alternative route is via A258 Queen Street, London Road, Manor Road, Mill Hill, St Richard's Road, Court Road, Station Road, A258 Dover Road, The Strand, Victoria Road, Ranelagh Road (return via Deal Castle Road) and Prince of Wales Terrace.

HIGHWAYS – District of Sevenoaks

CHURCH ROAD, HARTLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Road, Hartley between Manor Lane and Grange Road.

The Order will become effective on 11th October 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: St Johns Lane, Ash Road and Church Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a sewer connection.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS – District of Shepway

SALTER'S LANE, BROOKLAND & SHORT LANE, SNARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of bridge reconstruction works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Salter's Lane, Brookland and Short Lane, Snargate.

This Order comes into effect on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Salter's Lane, Brookland will be closed either side of Salter's Lane Bridge. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Harvey Road and West Place.

The alternative route is via Harvey Road, A259 Rye Road, Brookland By-pass and Rye Road.

Short Lane, Snargate will be closed either side of Lansell Cottage Bridge. There will be no access for though traffic for its entire length.

The alternative route is via B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Cuckolds Lane.

CHERITON PLACE, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Cheriton Place, Folkestone, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 10 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bouverie Road West and Sandgate Road.

The alternative route is via Bouverie Road West, Castle Hill Avenue and Sandgate Road.

BURMARSH ROAD, DYMCHURCH & BOTOLPH'S BRIDGE ROAD, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of level crossing repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Burmarsh Road, Dymchurch and Botolph's Bridge Road, Hythe on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Burmarsh Road, Dymchurch will be closed at the level crossing, on or after 11 October 2010 for up to 3 days.

There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Green Meadows and Thorndike Road. The alternative route is via A259 Hythe Road, Dymchurch Road, Botolph's Bridge Road, Lower Wall Road, Donkey Street and Burmarsh Road.

Botolph's Bridge Road, Hythe will be closed at the level crossing on or after 18 October 2010 for up to 5 days.

There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Dymchurch Road and Lower Wall Road. The alternative route is via Burmarsh Road, Hythe.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KNOWLE ROAD, WOULDHAM (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Knowle Road from the junction of Pilgrims Way to Cornwall Crescent on or after Wednesday 29th September 2010 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via High Street, School Lane, Pilgrims Way.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for cabling works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Louise Skull on 08700 500792.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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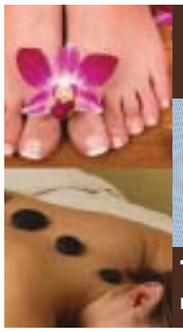

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Zooming through the market gloom

By **STEVE LOADER**

AS A barometer for the UK economic climate, car sales look pretty gloomy at present.

Volumes in August – never great as buyers hold back ahead of the new registration plate – were 17.5 per cent down on the same month in August last year, though figures were massaged then by the now defunct Scrappage scheme.

But it was not all bad news, as Dartford-based Mazda UK bucked the trend to increase its sales 4.4 per cent and post a record 3.8 per cent in the private sector.

While the MX-5 sports car (pictured right) continues to be the Zoom-Zoom Japanese brand's icon, the real success story has been the Mazda6 (far right) family/company car that we rate highly for its driving enjoyment, quality and sensible running costs.

This Ford Mondeo rival took 20 per cent of sales to private buyers in its segment during August.

Another success story for the brand has been its Mazda5 midi-MPV or Vauxhall Zafira rival which arrived in 2005, and makes way for a new model this autumn, though much of the original has been carried over underneath a radical re-style that includes wave patterns along the flanks of the car.

It's a nice idea for an MPV where the higher sides and general bulk of the type can make them look frumpy.

Mazda calls this design language 'Nagare', but whether it now gets extended to other new models is in some doubt as the design chief behind it has joined Renault.

Of far more interest to many would-be buyers though is whether this new Mazda5 is a true seven-seater; the current car's sliding rear doors gave it a major plus against the sector-leading Vauxhall Zafira, only to be let down by the miserly centre seat in the middle row that the marketing people tried to turn into a positive by highlighting how it flipped up for easy access to the reamost pair.

We'll be driving the replacement soon and reporting back on whether it is a true 'seven-up' contestant this time around.

However, it is the MX-5 that continues to draw attention as an affordable (from £17,245) halo car for the entire range and recently passed a landmark 100,000 sales in the UK, which has accounted for 40 per cent of its European volume since launch some 20 years and three generations ago.

When it arrived, it single-handedly revived the affordable roadster market once dominated by British MGs and Triumphs.

Never touted as a big engine, hairy-chested sports car, the MX-5 has focused upon cheap running costs, reliability and great poise thanks to the balance of its classic front engine/rear driven chassis.

"The legendary Mazda MX-5 is the car most people associate with Mazda," said Mark Cameron, Mazda UK sales director.

"It is a car that people not only aspire to, but can afford to run and enjoy driving on a daily basis."

The car has been promoted this year by a 'Thrills' marketing campaign, given a boost this month by Mazda's sponsorship of the new ITV adventure show 71 Degrees North featuring 10 celebrities who will fight their way to the most northern part of mainland Europe.

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08 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, RED, 5000 MILES, £12,995
08 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 11000 MILES, £10,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 MILES, £9,995
07 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES, £9,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 16000 MILES, £9,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 19000 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 23000 MILES, £8,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPORT CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £8,995
06 PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, RED, 21000 MILES, £8,995
06 NISSAN MICRA CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 12000 MILES, £8,495
05 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT COUPE CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 38000 MILES, £7,495
05 VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT 16V TWINPORT COUPE, BLACK, 26000 MILES, £6,995

FIESTA

06 FORD FIESTA ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, TONIC BLUE, 1600 MILES, YES REALLY UNDER 2000 MILES FROM NEW £6,995
07 FORD FIESTA STYLE CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 MILES, £5,995

FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

09 FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 MILES, £10,995
08 FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 MILES, £9,995
08 FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 MILES, £8,995
08 FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 MILES, £8,995
07 FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £7,495
07 FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 MILES, £7,495
07 FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 14000 MILES, £7,495
05 FORD FOCUS GHIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 27000 MILES, £6,495

FOCUS ESTATES

07 FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES, £7,995
06 FORD FOCUS GHIA 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 23000 MILES, £7,495
06 FORD FOCUS LX 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES, £5,995

RENAULT SCENIC

10 RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 MILES, £13,995
07 RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £8,995
07 RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 10000 MILES, £8,995
07 RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, RED, 13000 MILES, £8,995
07 RENAULT GRAND SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES, £8,995
08 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £8,995
08 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, RED, 6000 MILES, £8,995
07 RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 MILES, £8,495
07 RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 26000 MILES, £7,995
08 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLACK, 18000 MILES, £7,995
08 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 19000 MILES, £7,995
07 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, BLACK, 15000 MILES, £7,495
06 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 16000 MILES, £6,995
04 RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLACK, 27000 MILES, £5,495

RENAULT

08 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, RED, 5000 MILES, £12,995
08 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 11000 MILES, £10,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 MILES, £9,995
08 RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, GREEN, 15000 MILES, £9,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 136 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, GREY, 16000 MILES, £9,995
08 RENAULT MEGANE EXPRESSION VVT 111 ESTATE CAR ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 600 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 19000 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 23000 MILES, £8,995
08 RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 1500 MILES, £8,995
06 RENAULT LAGUNA EXPRESSION SPORT TOURER 16V ESTATE AUTO, GREY, 8000 MILES, £7,995
08 RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 MILES, £7,995
08 RENAULT CLIO EXPRESSION 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 750 MILES, £7,995
07 RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 16000 MILES, £7,995
05 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT COUPE CABRIOLET CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 38000 MILES, £7,495
06 RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 ESTATE AUTO, GOLD, 17000 MILES, £6,995
07 RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, RED, 13000 MILES, £5,995
05 RENAULT MODUS PRIVILEGE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 39000 MILES, £4,995

CHEVROLET

08 CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 MILES, £6,995
09 CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 MILES, £6,995
08 CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 999 MILES, £6,995
09 CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES, £6,995
08 CHEVROLET AVEO LT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 MILES, £6,995
09 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1200 MILES, £6,495
08 CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £5,995
08 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 MILES, £5,995
06 CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 MILES, £5,495
08 CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 MILES, £5,495
07 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 MILES, £4,995
07 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 MILES, £4,995
06 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE PLUS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 3000 MILES, £4,995
07 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 MILES, £4,995

HYUNDAI

08 HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, BLACK, 4000 MILES, £11,995
07 HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, RED, 4000 MILES, £9,995
08 HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1000 MILES, £6,995
07 HYUNDAI ACCENT ATLANTIC LIMITED EDITION 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 MILES, £5,995
06 HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 9000 MILES, £5,995
08 HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 MILES, £5,995
08 HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 24000 MILES, £5,995
07 HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI SALOON AUTO, RED, 4000 MILES, £5,995
07 HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES, £5,495
07 HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, YELLOW, 9000 MILES, £5,495

KIA

09 KIA PICANTO 2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ORANGE, 2000 MILES, £7,995
08 KIA PICANTO 2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 MILES, £7,495

DAIHATSU

09 DAIHATSU MATERIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MAROON, 1900 MILES, £9,995
08 DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 MILES, £7,995
08 DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £7,995
07 DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES, £7,495
07 DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES, £6,995
07 DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 MILES, £6,995

BMW

05 BMW 3 SERIES 320D ES TOURING TD ESTATE, GREY, 5100 MILES, £12,995

FIAT

06 FIAT PANDA ELEGANZA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 MILES, £5,995

FUSION

10 FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1400 MILES, £11,995
08 FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 MILES, £8,995
08 FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES, £8,995
08 FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 3000 MILES, £8,995
09 FORD FUSION STYLE CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 5000 MILES, £7,995
07 FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 4000 MILES, £6,995

CITROEN

08 CITROEN C4 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1800 MILES, £9,995
06 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 16V ESTATE AUTO, RED, 16000 MILES, £6,995
02 CITROEN SAXO DESIRE 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 54000 MILES, £2,995

MONDEO

06 FORD MONDEO LX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 24000 MILES, £6,995

CORSA

10 VAUXHALL CORSA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES, £10,995
08 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES, £8,495
08 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 2000 MILES, £8,495
08 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 MILES, £8,495
09 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 11000 MILES, £7,995
07 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 MILES, £7,495
06 VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, MAUVE, 19000 MILES, £6,495
06 VAUXHALL CORSA ACTIVE 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 18000 MILES, £5,495
05 VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN CDTI 16V 5DR TD HATCH, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 65000 MILES, £4,495

MAZDA

08 MAZDA MX-5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, RED, 12000 MILES, £12,995
08 MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 MILES, £10,995
07 MAZDA 3 3 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 8000 MILES, £9,995
06 MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 21000 MILES, £8,995
06 MAZDA 6 6 TS 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 MILES, £8,995
07 MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES, £5,995

SUZUKI

09 SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 450 MILES, £9,995
07 SUZUKI IGNIS GL VVT-S 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 9000 MILES, £5,995

TOYOTA

07 TOYOTA RAV-4 XT3 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4X4, BLUE, 16000 MILES, £13,995
07 TOYOTA RAV-4 XT3 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4X4, GREY, 16000 MILES, £13,995
07 TOYOTA RAV-4 XT3 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4X4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES, £13,995
07 TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES, £9,995
07 TOYOTA COROLLA VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, RED, 25000 MILES, £9,995
07 TOYOTA COROLLA T3 COLOUR COLLECTION VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 MILES, £9,995
07 TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, IXION BLUE, 13000 MILES, £9,995
08 TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAN SILVER, 14000 MILES, £8,995
08 TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 MILES, £8,995
07 TOYOTA AURIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES, £8,995
06 TOYOTA COROLLA VERSO T3 VVT-I MPV AUTO, BLACK, 11000 MILES, £8,995
07 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, VENETIAN SILVER, 23000 MILES, £7,495
07 TOYOTA YARIS T3 VVT-I MM 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 MILES, £6,995
04 TOYOTA COROLLA T3 VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 MILES, £6,995
04 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CRYSTAL SILVER, 6000 MILES, £6,295
04 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 MILES, £5,995

NISSAN

07 NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH, FIRED IRON, 19000 MILES, £10,995
07 NISSAN QASHQAI VISIA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES, £10,995
09 NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, GREY, 1800 MILES, £9,995
09 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 2000 MILES, £9,995
07 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES, £9,995
09 NISSAN NOTE VISIA MPV AUTO, BLUE, 2000 MILES, £8,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPORT CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 8000 MILES, £8,995
08 NISSAN NOTE ACENTA MPV AUTO, RED, 14000 MILES, £8,495
08 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA PLUS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 6000 MILES, £8,495
06 NISSAN MICRA CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 12000 MILES, £8,495
07 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES, £7,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 18000 MILES, £7,495
06 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES, £6,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BEIGEBUFF, 8000 MILES, £6,995
07 NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 27000 MILES, £5,995
04 NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 6000 MILES, £5,495
04 NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 MILES, £4,995
04 NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ARUBA BLUE, 12000 MILES, £4,995
02 NISSAN MICRA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 47000 MILES, £3,495
02 NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 31000 MILES, £3,295

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

08 VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE CDTI 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 11000 MILES, £10,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 14000 MILES, £9,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 HATCH AUTO, SILVER, 9000 MILES, £8,495
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES, £7,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 14000 MILES, £7,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 MILES, £7,495
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 10000 MILES, £6,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 MILES, £6,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 19000 MILES, £5,995
04 VAUXHALL ASTRA CLUB 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 31000 MILES, £4,995

ASTRA ESTATES

08 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, ECLIPSE BLACK, 5000 MILES, £9,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 15000 MILES, £7,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 MILES, £7,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 MILES, £7,995
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 MILES, £7,995
06 VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 13000 MILES, £6,495
06 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 11000 MILES, £5,995
07 VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, BLUE, 15000 MILES, £5,995

ZAFIRA MERIVA & AGILA

09 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, BLACK, 750 MILES, £14,995
09 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREEN, 6000 MILES, £13,495
10 VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 MILES, £10,995
10 VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 1000 MILES, £10,995
09 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 2000 MILES, £9,995
09 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 3000 MILES, £9,995
09 VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 MILES, £9,495
06 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 16000 MILES, £8,995
07 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 MILES, £8,995
08 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLACK, 10000 MILES, £8,995
07 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, TURQUOISE, 7000 MILES, £7,995
08 VAUXHALL AGILA CLUB MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 MILES, £7,995
07 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 19000 MILES, £6,995
06 VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 13000 MILES, £6,495
08 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 MILES, £5,995
04 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000 MILES, £5,495

CHRYSLER

07 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER LIMITED 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000 MILES, £6,995

PEUGEOT

09 PEUGEOT 308 SW S ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 13000 MILES, £9,995
06 PEUGEOT 307 S COUPE CABRIOLET COUPE AUTO, RED, 21000 MILES, £8,995
08 PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES, £8,995
07 PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 MILES, £7,995
09 PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 5DR HATCH AUTO, YELLOW, 1200 MILES, £7,995
06 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 MILES, £6,995
07 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 17000 MILES, £6,995
06 PEUGEOT 307 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES, £6,995
07 PEUGEOT 107 URBAN 2-TRONIC 3DR HATCH, BLUE, 4000 MILES, £5,995

HONDA

07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4X4, GREY, 24000 MILES, £17,995
07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4X4, BLACK, 16000 MILES, £17,995
07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO 4X4, GREY, 11000 MILES, £15,995
07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO 4X4, BLACK, 19000 MILES, £15,995
07 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SPORT ESTATE AUTO 4X4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 23000 MILES, £13,995
06 HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4X4, BLACK, 26000 MILES, £11,995
09 HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 MILES, £10,995
07 HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 8000 MILES, £8,995
06 HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 18000 MILES, £7,995

MERCEDES

09 MERCEDES-BENZ CLK CLK200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 13000 MILES, £29,950
08 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180 KOMPRESSOR SE SPORTS COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 18000 MILES, £15,995
07 MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 MILES, £14,995
09 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 8000 MILES, £13,995
06 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 ELEGANCE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 MILES, £11,495
07 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 MILES, £10,995
06 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 ELEGANCE SE LWB 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 13000 MILES, £10,995
07 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE SWB HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 20000 MILES, £9,495
03 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A140 CLASSIC SE HATCH AUTO, METALLIC GREY, 25000 MILES, £5,995
03 MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A140 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 46000 MILES, £5,495

VOLKSWAGEN

09 VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 600 MILES, £10,995
07 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 MILES, £9,995
08 VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 MILES, £9,495
08 VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 MILES, £8,995
07 VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 7000 MILES, £7,995
07 VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 22000 MILES, £7,495
07 VOLKSWAGEN POLO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 MILES, £6,995
05 VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 30000 MILES, £6,495
03 VOLKSWAGEN POLO TWIST 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 41000 MILES, £4,695
01 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH, RED, 63000 MILES, £3,995

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

09 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA EXCLUSIV CDTI TD MPV AUTO, GREEN, 6000 MILES, £13,495
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE CDTI 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 11000 MILES, £10,995

MORRIS'S MANUAL CARS

05 BMW 3 SERIES 320D ES TOURING TD ESTATE, GREY, 5100 MILES, £12,995
06 SAAB 9-3 DTH VECTOR SPORT TD ESTATE, GREY, 26000 MILES, £9,995
06 VAUXHALL VECTRA VVT EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH, SAPPHIRE BLACK, 26000 MILES, £6,995
07 VAUXHALL MERIVA ENERGY CDTI TD MPV, BLACK, 24000 MILES, £6,995
05 VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT 16V TWINPORT COUPE, BLACK, 26000 MILES, £6,995
04 TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT VVT-I 5DR HATCH, BLACK, 25000 MILES, £5,995
07 FIAT PANDA DYNAMIC 5DR HATCH, GREY, 8000 MILES, £4,995
08 RENAULT TWINGO DYNAMIQUE 3DR HATCH, ORANGE, 35000 MILES, £4,995
07 KIA PICANTO LS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 17000 MILES, £4,995
08 CHEVROLET MATIZ SE PLUS 5DR HATCH, BLUE, 3000 MILES, £4,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	09	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Atlantis blue	9,350	8,995
09	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	55	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	55,800	5,995
06	06	Astra Active Estate	1.6	5	Silver lightening	18,950	6,495
06	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,495
07	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	6,995
07	07	Astra Design	1.8	5	Silver lightening	45,000	6,995
07	07	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	43,250	6,495
07	57	Astra Design Estate	1.8	5	Pannacotta	41,725	6,995
07	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,495
08	08	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	26,635	8,495
08	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	8,995
08	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,495
09	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	9,995
09	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,495
09	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	15,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	4,960	9,995
09	59	Astra Active	1.4	5	Power red	3,990	9,995
09	59	New Astra Sri	1.6	5	Power red	5,340	14,495
09	59	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Technical grey	7,050	11,995
09	59	Astra Active Sports hatch	1.4	3	Sovereign silver	8,040	10,495
09	59	Astra Life MTA	1.6	5	Sovereign silver	10,270	9,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
07	57	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Flame red	49,370	6,995
08	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Silver lightening	15,800	7,495
08	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3	3	Star silver	24,590	7,995
08	58	Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	24,060	8,995
09	09	Corsa Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
09	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Black sapphire	6,350	9,395
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	5,980	9,995
09	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Metro blue	5,990	9,495
09	59	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395
10	10	Corsa Energy	1.2	3	Black sapphire	2,340	10,995

INSIGNIA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	21,995
09	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	16,995

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
08	58	Meriva Design X pack	1.8	5	Air blue	7,600	8,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	6,695
07	57	Vectra Sri CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,495

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,495

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995
08	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
09	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Star silver	9,290	6,995
06	56	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Metro blue	25,000	6,995
07	07	Astra Energy	1.4	5	Black sapphire	43,250	6,495
10	59	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	5,660	17,995
08	08	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	16,100	8,495
08	08	Zafira Breeze +	1.9	5	Star silver	23,000	9,995
01	51*	Vectra Sxi	1.8	4	Black	71,000	2,495
06	56	Zafira Active	1.6	5	Metro blue	48,000	6,995
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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Juke prices no joke

NISSAN'S eagerly awaited Juke arrived in showrooms this weekend with an extra boost.

Market watchers at CAP – the motor trade valuation source – have just calculated that second-hand values should better those of the sought-after BMW Mini, based on three years/60,000 miles of ownership.

The car should be worth at least half of its price when new say the experts, and Nissan corporate sales director Tony Lewis added: "We have worked hard to ensure that Juke ownership is hassle-free, and that includes the retained value of the car. Potential customers who love the Juke's style can now buy with confidence."

The new baby crossover replaces, and looks well capable of exceeding, sales of the Micra supermini.

Prices start at £12,795 for the front-wheel versions, but four-wheel drive can also be specified.

The newcomer has the further advantage – like the bigger Qashqai – of being built at Nissan's Sunderland plant at a time when many buyers are thinking 'Buy British'.

Hyundai's baby people carrier

AMBITIOUS Korean brand Hyundai has unveiled an all-new mini-MPV called the ix20.

It will attack an increasingly important segment championed by the Honda Jazz.

The newcomer goes on sale in November and will be targeted at young families, with key attractions being class-leading fuel economy and low CO2 emissions and road tax plus the brand's standard five-year warranty.

We can also expect it to be competitively priced.

Meanwhile, Hyundai has also facelifted its best-selling i10 city car, to include comprehensive visual and mechanical improvements, including a new 1.0-litre engine with CO2 emissions of just 99 g/km that will make it road tax exempt. The revised i10 goes on sale early next year.

Interest is Focused on new Ford

FORD was heavily criticised for the ordinary styling of its second generation Focus hatchback, though it didn't stop it from being the UK's number one seller for most of its life.

However, there is no danger the third generation car will get similar stick – it's a stunner and Ford has just unveiled the ST performance flagship.

Unfortunately, we'll have to wait until 2012 to see the 250PS (247bhp) ST, but it is a carefully calculated marketing move ahead of launching the everyday Focus line-up next March/April.

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by STEVELOADER

Audacious offer of an 'Audi for Seat money'

HERE'S a cunning plan. Take a retired big badge executive car that was state of the art in its prime, give it a smart makeover, and sell for much less to people who know a bargain.

And there you have the previous generation Audi A4, reborn as the Seat Exeo and still a cracking car, replaced ahead of its time and none the worse for subtle re-engineering and visual tweaking.

VW Group's Spanish arm has never really challenged in the family saloon and estate sector – yes, a re-modelled A4 Avant is available too – so here was a great way to muscle in for far less than the cost of developing a totally new car.

It not only offers a new product to loyal Seat buyers, but should also attract 'conquest' customers tempted by an 'Audi for Seat money'.

And that bargain executive car proposition is delivered not only by prices starting from just £18,775-19,795 in the case of the ST estate line-up – but trims and specifications that would have cost you dear in the days when Audi's four rings adorned the bonnet.

On the other hand, a Seat grille and some styling tweaks cannot stop it looking like a 'dodgy Audi' or suffering from the A4's relatively cramped rear seating.

But this is quibbling when compared with the benefits of this 'hand-me-down' exercise: pricing, peerless build quality, safety, reliability, a high quality cabin – ported over from the even more premium A4 Cabriolet rather than the saloon/estate – a decent boot and a terrific drive. The last deserves most praise; Seat engineers chose to change the sporty chassis set-up of the Audi, which could be irritatingly firm in everyday use.

There is still a Sport option, but our test car had Seat's standard set-up, which delivers a refined ride and responsive handling even on challenging roads.

Our mid-range SE spec car, with its entry level 2.0-litre 143PS/141bhp turbodiesel (£20,395) and six-speed gearbox also impressed with its liveliness, excellent cabin refinement and motorway composure – it should also average more than 50mpg.

Equipment levels are lavish, with our SE including cruise control, iPod/MP3 port, Bluetooth phone connectivity and voice control plus steering-wheel mounted controls for sound system and phone, rain-sensing wipers, dual-zone climate control, electrically heated/folding/adjustable door mirrors and smart alloys.

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Image	★★★★
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None too soon Tucson 'Mark II'

DrivingReview

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Hyundai i30

HYUNDAI is a brand that renews and refreshes its line-up more regularly than most, but a replacement for its Tucson junior SUV couldn't have come soon enough.

The Tucson had been deserted by a fast-changing market and you only have to look at the ix35 launched a few months ago to see why.

Not only does it wear the hexagonal grille that is the new 'face' of the Hyundai range, but it is also more 'crossover' than before up, pitching it against the successful – and rightly so – Nissan Qashqai and Peugeot's award-winning 3008, in the hunt for hatchback and MPV buyers as well as the SUV (sports utility vehicle) fans targeted by the old Tucson.

The ix35 is more compact and feels far lighter on its feet than its predecessor too, and the sharp styling is reminiscent of the Ford Kuga – one of the smarter compact SUVs on the market – though that is where any comparison with the Ford ends, since the ix35 is a far better deal and roomier, too.

It starts at just £16,495 and Hyundai is quick to say that this is cheaper than the list price of a poverty spec Ford Focus, yet brings alloys, ESP (electric stability programme), air con, Bluetooth and iPod/USB connectivity, heated front and rear seats and door mirrors, leather steering wheel and gear knob and reverse parking sensors as standard, plus five years' roadside assistance and Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited miles warranty.

To be fair to the opposition, the keen entry price also only buys you the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre petrol model, and even Hyundai admits that fewer than 10 per cent of buyers opt for that.

Most go instead for the front-wheel drive 2.0-litre diesel (from £17,995) with a further 10 per cent choosing the same engine with 4x4 (from £18,995) with the mix set to be jumbled soon when a low-emission, high output 1.6-litre GDI (direct injection) petrol and 1.7-litre CRDi diesel engine join the ix35 range along with a six-speed auto option.

That junior petrol option looks interesting and its lighter weight could work well for the dynamics of the ix35, which feels a little unsettled on a winding road in FWD diesel format.

Nothing wrong with the diesel engine itself though; it pulls well and feels incredibly refined and though it is now a well-worn cliché, you really would be hard-pressed to tell whether it was actually a petrol unit.

It is also incredibly clean, with emissions attracting a road tax of just £90 a year.

The engine also works particularly well in 4x4 format – worth a relatively paltry extra £1,000 against an equivalent front-wheel drive version – and proved to be an absolute bargain in flagship Premium form as tested here, bringing full-length panoramic glass sunroof, lots of interior chrome, cruise control, dual-zone climate control, part-leather upholstery, smart roof rails and loads more.

Admittedly, the 4x4's fuel and tyre consumption cannot possibly be as good as that for a front-driven version; official figures show that average fuel consumption drops less than two mpg if you go for the 4x4, but most drivers will exploit the extra grip and its partnership with a well-sorted chassis that shows what an absolute clunker the Tucson was.

The cabin is well finished and designed, though hardly earth shattering in design or layout, while the roominess plus boot capacity are also impressive and the flat floor in the rear makes this a comfortable five-seater, although the middle seat is rather tight.

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GRANDE PUNTO, 2009, abs brakes cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey metallic, 150 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 24500 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, 2008, cd player drivers airbag, blue, 55 miles, £14500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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Grande Punto, 2007, abs brakes drivers airbag immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, black, 28000 miles, £5200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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C-MAX, 5, wl07nyu, insurance group 12 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electrically adjustable drivers seat folding rear seats front electric windows front fog tango red, 22000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, nd58myn, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser 1 owner history, sea grey, 14000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, av07ryg, insurance group 11 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment history. moondust silver, 14000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, fv07vvd, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner history. ocean blue, 16000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, wu07bwa, insurance group 12 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner history. aquarius blue, 27000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 5, et07mkm, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body heated door mirrors side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner history. panther black, 31000 miles, £6483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

COUGAR, 3, t72ljn, insurance group 11 2 owners. black, 25000 miles, £2499, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 5, lm07fwp, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power locking trip computer 1 owner history. moondust silver, 16000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ea54exn, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer service history. panther black, 56000 miles, £4283, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ls57oyb, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner history. moondust silver, 26000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, lx07kfp, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering remote central locking trip computer 1 owner history, tango red, 22000 miles, £5683, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, ex54eyh, insurance group 4 alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer 2 owners history. moondust silver, 57000 miles, £3283, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, ap58axn, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moondust silver, 9000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 3, eu02fyv, insurance group 6 alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cassette sunroof trip computer 3 owners service history, aquafrost, 35000 miles, £2483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 5, gf58gvp, insurance group 4 abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers climate control cruise control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment trip computer 1 owner service history, panther black, 24000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 3, sd53yjt, insurance group 3 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment sunroof trip computer history. pearl black, 48000 miles, £3000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, red, 44 miles, £16000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, blue, 44 miles, £16000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.6 Dynamique, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers, silver, 13634 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 2.0 16V Renaultsport 182 Cup, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering sports seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls body coloured bumpers, racing blue, 47729 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.4 DYNAMIQUE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering tonneau cover remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 28000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags, black, 44 miles, £16000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag, black, 44 miles, £16990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, black, 55 miles, £18490, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 16v, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows, blue, 55 miles, £16490, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, Dynamique TCE, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 9000 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 1.2 EXPRESSION, 2006, abs brakes cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover remote central locking, blue, 17123 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 1.2 CAMPUS, 2006, black, 17299 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 EXPRESSION, 2003, abs brakes central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover trip computer, grey, 33100 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GRAND ESPACE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, green metallic, 71500 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GRAND MODUS, 2010, alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, purple, 6312 miles, £10999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats front passenger air bag deactivation switch remote central locking, grey, 20115 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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GRAND SCENIC, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 28000 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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IF YOU needed an objective overview of where Kent's at economically after the recession, you might say, 'Don't ask a PR man'. But Andrew Metcalf, director of Tunbridge Wells-based Maxim and this week's Big Interview, takes a refreshingly honest view of the county's strengths and weaknesses.

We've also got news of a Sevenoaks man's book telling the inside story on how the poor relation of the marketing industry – sales promotion – ended up pushing the once dominant big budget ad agencies to one side.

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Our positive message changes perceptions

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AS BRITAIN recovers from recession, Kent is moving up the rankings as a place to do business.

The 2010 Perception Study, commissioned by investment promotion agency Locate in Kent, shows seven out of 10 respondents rate Kent as a good or very good business location.

Awareness of Kent as a business location has increased: 69 per cent of respondents knew a great or fair deal about Kent and Medway, compared with 65 per cent in 2008 and only 48 per cent in 2003.

In addition, four out of 10 respondents rated Kent as a better business location than other areas in the UK, a key reason given being excellent connectivity to London and Europe – chiming with a message promoted by Locate in Kent and its partners.

Additionally, 56 per cent believed Kent had improved as a place to do business over the last four to five years.

PAUL WOOKEY

Advisors and investors, a key target for Locate in Kent, were particularly positive with 70 per cent and 72 per cent respectively feeling that it had improved.

Of the 64 per cent of people aware of the 37-minute high-speed rail service from St Pancras to Ashford International, nearly 90 per cent felt this made Ashford a more attractive business location. Additionally, 63 per cent of respondents knew about high-speed trains from Ebbsfleet to London in 17 minutes and there was also a high level of knowledge of Eurostar trains from both Kent stations. Despite the new links, though, there was little change in preferred business locations within the county: west Kent (Sevenoaks, Tonbridge & Malling, and Tunbridge Wells) was favourite followed by Thames Gateway.

In terms of towns, Maidstone and Ashford were preferred, with 20 per cent and 18 per cent respectively, followed by Kent Thameside (Dartford and Gravesend) at 13 per cent. The depressed coastal areas of Thanet and Dover continue to struggle for recognition.

Locate in Kent chief executive Paul Wookey said: "The Perception Study shows Kent continues to be increasingly well regarded as a business location.

"It indicates the messages put out by Locate in Kent and its partners about cost-effectiveness and available property and land in Kent and the county's proximity to London and Europe are definitely getting through.

"Locate in Kent has experienced increased interest in its website, and this is where 50 per cent of our successes originate. To build on these positive perceptions, we have just targeted 2,500 finance directors in the South East with a campaign to further promote these messages."

YOUNG CHEF: Open to all Kent secondary pupils in year groups 7-11

Taste for local food survives downturn

SHOPPERS are staying loyal to local food and UK sales are expected to rise to £5.7 billion a year by 2012 – up from £4.3bn in 2007 – according to a grocery industry report (IGD).

The news was welcomed by Benjamin Dent, chairman of the Kent Farmers' Market Association. He said: "This reiterates that shoppers buy local because they want to enjoy the freshest food, support local growers and help the environment. In each case, buying direct from Kent's farmers is the surest way. Fruit and veg come direct from the field; there's no middle man and zero air miles."

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said the report was encouraging: "It found 40 per cent of shoppers want to buy more local products rather than big-name brands. People are responding to economic worries by wanting to do more to support local businesses."

Her organisation has underlined its quest to promote best use of homegrown products by launching the Garden of England's second Young Chef Award. The competition aims to encourage the county's secondary school children back into the kitchen to create and cook their own recipes, using seasonal and local ingredients. Some schools are incorporating the contest into their curriculum.

The Kent Young Chef Award 2010 is open to all children attending secondary school in Kent in year groups 7-11. For details, visit www.producedinkent.co.uk.

The closing date for entries is Friday, October 29, and judges include celebrity chef Richard Phillips of BBC TV's Ready, Steady, Cook; Claire Wood, head chef at Wood's Restaurant in Tunbridge Wells; and Roger Phillips, head of catering and hospitality at Thanet College.

A flavour of the harvest

MICRO-BREWER Gadds' of Ramsgate is pioneering the use of newly-picked green hops and thinks it could be on to a winner.

Owner Eddie Gadd said it started as an intriguing experiment, though he could afford to back his instinct – Gadd's is already a multi-award winner including Best Kent Brewery in 2007, Best Kentish Beer 2008 and 2009, and Golds two years running at the KOS Media-backed Taste of Kent Awards.

He said: "This year, as soon as the hops were harvested, I was at Brook Farm in Shatterling with a very large sack to collect the East Kent Goldings before they were taken to the drying bins, so we could use them immediately, while they were still green.

"The beer is a celebration of the harvest, golden in colour, with a citrus, honey and blackcurrent aroma and a fresh, vibrant flavour of biscuity malt and spicy hops."

Traditionally, hops are picked and dried, then pressed into large sacks known as 'pockets' which allows them to be stored throughout the year.

Gadds' new Green Hop Ale is the official ale for the Broadstairs Food Festival next month.

Green Hop Ale

Comment

MEDWAY Council deliberates soon over whether to grant planning permission for a new Sainsbury's in Frindsbury.

And the supermarket giant is making sure councillors are aware the electorate knows 500 full and part-time jobs will be created in the store itself, with many others derived from the development.

The question being posed is: 'Will job-hunters and their hard-pressed families and the wider community be able to forgive their council if the plan is turned down?' It's a familiar tactic from the retailing juggernauts.

Unfortunately, the argument is not that simple. I have no doubt the new store will create a jobs bonanza in a part of Kent that a recent survey showed may take a decade or so to recover to pre-recession employment levels of 2007.

But experience shows that new-build supermarkets, far from creating jobs, can cannibalise ones that were already there by forcing the closure of nearby traders, so that one new job replaces one lost.

I saw it a few years ago when living near Launceston, Cornwall, when the local council – pressured by the usual arguments for jobs and improved road management works, etc – allowed Tesco to expand its out-of-town store.

Much was also made of the store's proximity to the A30 and shopping traffic 'passing through', especially during the summertime holiday peak, thereby avoiding traffic being drawn into the centre of the traditional market town.

The reality was that the much expanded store – with whole new departments including clothes, office and electricals – put year-round pressure on a town centre that was refreshingly not High Street UK clones, with many owner-run shops offering choice, service and, actually, reasonable prices. Shop closures followed and the last time I was there a few had been empty for some time. As another Sainsbury's nears completion closer to home, in Hythe, I also fear for the future of a similar small town offering a choice of independent stores.

Of course this business section applauds any effort to sell new jobs as the county pulls away from recession, but just check the goods before buying.

BUSINESS EDITOR STEVE LOADER

Designers will show their mettle

JEWELLERS and silversmiths from Kent will add sparkle to an industry showcase opening on Monday.

The fortnight-long Goldsmiths' Fair – open to trade and the public – is billed as an exciting opportunity for new and independent designers/makers in the UK and the most prestigious event of its kind in Europe.

Held at London's Goldsmiths' Hall, it shuns mass production to focus on the bespoke, original and one-off, hand-made by dedicated artists in small workshops. Many use the most ancient – or the very latest – techniques, everything from using a cuttlebone to cast jewellery with a grainy texture, to laser welding.

Displaying their creations will be 11 Kent jewellers, including Catherine Hills of Tunbridge Wells; silversmith Ray Walton of Faversham; fellow Faversham artisan Edward Mahony; silversmith and jeweller Justin Richardson of Canterbury; Carl Padgham and Andy Putland of Pluckley, near Ashford, both graduates of Medway College of Design; Polly Gasston of Canterbury; Maidstone-based Jesper Velling; Olivia Schlevogt, who trained in Germany and is now based in Rochester; Susan Beale of Bromley; Beaulagh Chapman-Brooks from Beckenham; and Belvedere's David Webdale.

BEAUTIFUL: Catherine Hills' Spot the Daisy bracelet (£694)

Business Week Live is powering up with you

BOOKINGS for KOS Media's new annual business show reflect a growing confidence felt by Kent firms – more than half of the stands are already sold.

Business Week Live, takes place on Wednesday, November 10, at the Detling Showground, near Maidstone.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "The message coming back loud and clear is that the timing could not be better as businesses examine strategies and trading partnerships ahead of 2011 – viewed as a key year as post-recession momentum starts to gather pace.

"Many prime positions have gone and we would advise people who have particular requirements to get in touch as soon as possible to secure their space."

The show is supported by Business Week, KOS Media's b2b portfolio of products i

ncluding a bright new weekly section in Kent on Sunday and Kent on Saturday and sister titles Tunbridge Wells on Saturday and Tunbridge Wells on Sunday; a business e-bulletin sent every Tuesday, an e-edition sent every Friday, a 24/7 news, views and information website www.businessforkent.co.uk, social media, and events.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "The launch of KOS Media's Business Week earlier this year along with its online coverage was a welcome boost to the hard-pressed business community, so the chamber and its members are delighted to learn of this well-timed follow-up. It looks like a great opportunity for people to do business, swap ideas and advice or even team up. With initiatives like this and back-up from organisations like ours, Kent firms should emerge from recession stronger and better than they ever were."

Open from 9am until 4pm and with free parking and free visitors' entry, Business Week Live features dedicated exhibition zones to help visitors locate the companies they want to see.

The editorial backbone to the show is the Business Week Live conference programme covering key issues and challenges faced by businesses today.

Stand booking and visitor registration and further details about the event can be found at www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

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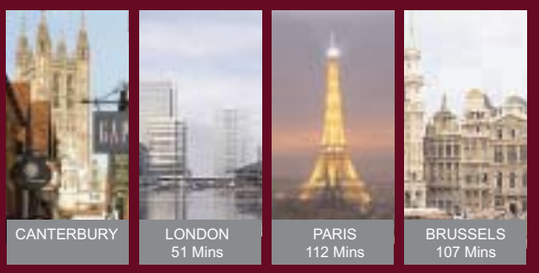

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Lenleys in Canterbury has been revamped. At the re-launch party, Julie Maddocks met the store's MD, Jonathan Watts

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ONE of Dover's most elegant buildings is to be revitalised. The seafront hotel formerly known as the Churchill and being renamed Dover Marina Hotel, will be run by the management team behind the port's four-star Ramada Hotel and the Holiday Inn Express, Canterbury. The Port of Dover owns the building and has leased it to the new operators. A spokesman said: "They are local businessmen and we are excited by their ideas for the hotel."

BASEPOINT business centres is holding a ground-breaking ceremony on Thursday for The Base, a 30,000 sq ft landmark office building at the former Unwins off-licence chain's depot site in Victoria Road, Dartford. The project is due to open next spring and will offer quality managed workspace including offices and studio workshops for up to 75 businesses.

COUNCILS in Kent will have access to a £355,000 fund for the South East from Defra to help identify areas at risk from flooding.

Environment minister Richard Benyon said: "Climate change means we can expect changes in rainfall patterns, higher winter rainfall and more intense summer storms – all of which mean more floods.

"These funds will go to local authorities so they can prepare risk assessments, identify the implications and plan accordingly."

DEMELZA – the Kent-based children's hospice – benefited from £200 raised when office workers at Maidstone accountancy DSH swapped suits and ties for jeans and T-shirts for a dress down day that also included a cake sale and raffle.

Sex, drugs and marketing

SALES promotion has rocketed in just a few years, ***writes KOS Media Business Editor Steve Loader***.

The UK arm of this once poor relation of the marketing mix was worth £26.5 billion in 2008 according to industry watchers at the Advertising Association, putting the once dominant advertising industry (£18.6bn) in the shade.

This remarkable rise and the sector's future has now been spotlighted by Sevenoaks man and marketing guru Colin Lloyd, chairman of marketing services group Motivcom plc and a joint founder of marketing agency KLP.

He and co-author Ken Spedding have produced Beyond Redemption, the Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll of Marketing, which even uses a familiar sales device in a unique way – it is claimed to be the first business book ever to offer a money-back guarantee.

And it's no stuffy read either according to early reviewers including Marketing Society president Andrew Marsden, who said: "If reading a book on the origins and development of today's multi-billion-pound sales promotion industry sounds dry, don't worry.

"Lloyd and Spedding have produced a romp through its origins, the techniques used, the people who developed them, their mistakes and successes which is at once educational and entertaining. Anyone with an interest in promotional marketing will enjoy this tour de force."

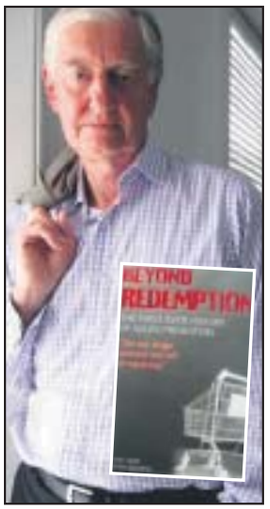
The book looks at key people behind this growth industry and highlights some of the best-known, highly successful promotions, as well as looking at campaigns and ventures which didn't turn out as planned.

Mr Lloyd said: "Disastrous promotions like Hoover Free Flights and the Government's Connections Card have cost up to £100m, while successes have also made others many millions. Sales promotion is very big business and not for amateurs."

His own former agency KLP – the largest promotions agency in the UK and the first to go public on the London stock market – itself lost £5m overnight due to a printing problem. Mr Lloyd remains upbeat about his industry though: "Sales promotion is one of the most powerful tools available to companies.

"It is a dynamic sector that pervades the marketing process, influences brand propositions and touches almost every citizen dozens of times a year.

"But, of its many redeeming features, the overriding one has been the exhilaration of creative entrepreneurialism. And it is this which needs to be reignited, with brands and agencies adopting a less risk-averse attitude and changing things for the sake of change."



INSIGHT: Beyond Redemption co-author Colin Lloyd

An outstanding turnaround reaps college rewards

HADLOW College has reported an upsurge in inquiries after its recent elevation to top level 'outstanding' status by to Government education watchdog Ofsted.

The major turnaround – Hadlow was rated as 'failing' just seven years ago – is attracting most interest from the 16 to 17-year age group. College spokeswoman Pat Crawford told Business Week: "Staying on at school for A-levels isn't necessarily the first choice for every 16-year-old, especially those aiming for a vocational career in industries such as horticulture, agriculture or fisheries management.

"It is possible that some, having been alerted to a different – and some might say more focused – route will choose to forgo A-levels and instead opt for a vocational course en route to a degree or further training programme."

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Cultivating an interest since Brownies years

EAST Malling Research new recruit Fiona Wilson's fascination with plants stems from gaining her gardening badge with the Brownies.

"Recognising that this was not sufficient qualification for a career in plant sciences however, I later did a degree in botany at the University of St Andrews," laughed Fiona.

She joins the world-famous research site (EMR) as an expert in the ornamentals category – non-food producing stock usually grown for their appearance, such as flowering cherries and herbaceous perennials.

She has already enjoyed several roles in plant science research and horticulture, most recently as principal trials officer at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens, Wisley, and will now embark on an important fact-finding mission.

She said: "The scientists at EMR are probably best known for their work with top and soft fruits, but their understanding of ornamentals is also great. They are an excellent resource for all UK growers.

"I am going to be spending lots of time meeting key growers across the country and discovering the difficulties they are currently facing with their ornamentals.

"I will then be liaising with our science teams to come up with ways of developing solutions which will help boost commercial production.

"Joining the ornamentals team at EMR is a great opportunity. I am combining my keen interest in the science of plants with my enthusiasm for developing the UK horticultural industry," said Fiona.

FIONA WILSON

Away from the office and laboratory, she is a keen fruit and vegetable grower on her own allotment.

EMR is known for its work in tackling pests and diseases, plant breeding, genetic fingerprinting and developing new approaches to production techniques – including using less water while improving both quality and yield.

Its clients include Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs), the EU, growers, retailers and other commercial concerns.

Maxim checks

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

Needing to check the pulse of the Kent economy, business editor STEVE LOADER sought out Andrew Metcalf, director of Tunbridge Wells-based PR consultancy Maxim and vice-chairman of the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors (IoD). With intelligence drawn from his own findings, his clients and some 1,600 fellow IoD members, he reckoned Metcalf would deliver …

Andrew Metcalf

YOU would expect a PR guru to say too many Kent companies hide their light under a bushel, but journalists also know interviews can feel like pulling teeth.

It is the same in public relations. "I'm astonished at what client companies may unknowingly hide from us," said Andrew Metcalf, co-founder of Tunbridge Wells-based PR and marketing consultancy, Maxim.

"Sometimes we will end a client meeting with three or four potential stories agreed and then a throwaway remark will unearth a real nugget.

"Fortunately, a lot of our team are former journalists and know how to ask a question and I like to think I'm not bad either, having picked it up from them.

"But there are some great companies out there almost too embarrassed to talk about themselves."

AWARDS EVENING: Andrew Metcalf with broadcaster and MC Geoff Clark

Naturally, he is quick to say that this is a bad time to be a shrinking violet: "The economy is fragile, but you make your own luck. There are firms enjoying success regardless of what people are saying about the state of the economy." However, he is worried by Chancellor George Osborne's imminent "slash and burn" spending review, when the axe is expected to fall heavily on the public sector. "There is no doubt that you have to get public sector finances back in shape," said Metcalf. "My fear is Mr Osborne will cut and cut across the board instead of saying 'we do need this and we do need that'.

"Education must be saved pain; business cannot rescue the country without people possessing the necessary skills and we can't be expected to find the money ourselves when we are charged with leading recovery.

"There is the plain fact too that thousands of businesses in Kent in one way, shape or form derive a commercial benefit from public spending – the suggestion that public budgets will be cut 20-30 per cent and some say 40, does not bode well. There is also a view that cuts in the public sector will free up more work for private sector concerns, but will they? This is different to the last recession; if some funding is cut, there won't be that work to be done by anyone."

Metcalf co-founded his business 15 years ago with former journalist Philip Jones, who had been working for another PR agency. The fledgling firm's first job was a 150-stand international exhibition, Region TransManche, involving Kent and counterparts in France and Belgium. Metcalf recalled: "It was a huge undertaking for a company of what was then just two blokes, but we never looked back."

Based in St John's Road,Tunbridge Wells, Maxim has grown to 10 people, including the two founding directors, working on PR, marketing and, increasingly, briefing and opinion-forming on behalf of clients. "We act as their eyes and ears – we watch, we listen," is how Metcalf describes it.

He is as surprised as anyone at how he got to where he is: "I had always been fascinated by geography, first of all the physical formations but then the human aspect – the socio-economic side. If you want to carry on with it though, you normally become a geography teacher – I've been fortunate enough to apply it elsewhere.

"It helps me understand what clients are trying to do and connect them with like-minded people and customers."

However, the old adage 'don't buy a dog and bark yourself' is one that plagues the PR professional vs client relationship: "You have got have the strength of your convictions. It's on your watch."

Looking beyond his own business and to Kent's future, he said: "There are good manufacturing businesses here, even

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MAXIM AT PLAY: Andrew Metcalf (second left) with an agency team on the curling rink

though it isn't what Kent is known for, and they are well placed at present with a favourable exchange rate. There are also plans afoot to get more Kent businesses looking overseas and not just to France and Germany to build their trade internationally."

Despite years of decline, he was also optimistic about the Garden of England's land-based sector: "There are some excellent concerns – what are essentially marketing companies – that have really worked out how to sell to the Waitroses and Sainsbury's and many other Kent companies, and jobs derive from the associated distribution, packing and other work involved."

He thinks tourism can be a force for revival, too, and particularly the award-winning Maxim client Visit Kent: "It costs nothing in comparison to what is spent by other regional tourist authorities, but tourism is a revenue generator that Kent has perhaps not valued highly enough in recent years."

And he pointed to Kent's chance to 'do a Brighton', creating a countywide hub where quality professional firms, practices and consultancies could function on a regional and even national level. They would be helped by the county's road structure and new high-speed rail network HS1, and he added: "We have great ports too – Dover, Sheerness – and there is potential at Manston. I hope the airport can build on the Flybe services to Edinburgh and Manchester and give the airline confidence to add more routes.

"We have some great professionals who have moved to Kent usually for lifestyle reasons, to avoid the big commute and so on, and there is no reason why other Kent companies should not look to use them on a professional basis let alone because they might be cheaper than a London concern with greater overheads.

"That's the rationale behind the backing Kent businesses movement launched by KCC, Federation of Small Businesses, the chambers [of commerce] and others.

"I think people need to recognise we are all in this together and what goes around comes around. The word now is collaboration, rather than competition."

But he does not feel the county's burgeoning technology sector is making enough of itself. Many complain that investment is hard to come by and Metcalf agrees that the banks have made it tough, but added: "There are still private investors. They are making little interest on investments and yet are reasonably placed to take a chance on something offering a potentially higher return.

"That's got to be a positive sign, but businesses can't wait for the 'angels' to come along – they have to go out to them."

As an example of what can be achieved, he quoted recent Maxim activity on behalf of East Malling Research: "EMR is involved in significantly important research in food production and we engineered a visit by the then [Labour] environment secretary Hilary Benn, who was blown away by the work EMR was doing in the field of water management and incorporated it in every major speech for a while afterwards, resulting in a massive lift to EMR's status within the industry.

"And regular calls to comment on any significant issue in its industry."

Aged 46, Andrew Metcalf enjoys coaching under-12s rugby though his first love is football and he supports Bolton Wanderers – he was born in Bolton though his family later moved from the Lancashire town, crossing the Pennines to Scarborough in Yorkshire.

He is married with one son.

ANDREW'S TOP TIPS

- **Don't settle on the easy solution – "My old boss at Pindar said: 'If there's two people in a meeting and they both agree then only one of them is thinking'."**
- A small favour can be worth a lot – "I like to think you get back what you deserve. It might not come back immediately, but it does in time."
- **Reputation is everything – "It's like a bank balance – if you have a lot in the bank there is something to fall back on. If there isn't you are in trouble. That also goes for your staff: if they feel they are working for a 'bad' firm they will be looking to move."**
- Diversify – "About five years ago I sat down with fellow director Phil and we realised we had one client delivering 20 per cent of our business; risky if they suddenly decided to go away. We immediately went all-out to widen our business base and now have 30-40 clients and projects across Kent and regionally."

ANDREW METCALF's CV

- **1987 - graduated with BA Hons in Geography from St David's University College Lampeter and became marketing executive with publishing firm Pindar in home town of Scarborough.**
- 1990 – joined Kent-based Benn publishing house to market the company's publications and directories.
- **1993 – joined the economic development marketing team at Kent County Council.**
- 1995 – co-founded Maxim.

Make your boss a winner

TIME is running out for entries to this year's London and South East Director of the Year awards run by the Institute of Directors (IoD), which recognise hard work, inspiration and management skills of business leaders.

Rodger Broad, regional director for the IoD, said: "The judges also welcome nominations from directors who aren't members of the IoD.

"There are great leaders out there, many of them unsung outside their own organisations. The IoD awards are a chance to recognise and celebrate their achievements."

The deadline for entries is Friday, October 1, and there are nine categories:

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- IoD Chairman's Special Award – not-for-profit organisations.

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JOURNEY'S END: David Vant in Paris

Pedal-power all the way to Paris

CABOT Financial manager David Vant has completed a 290-mile charity bike ride from London to Paris and raised more than £1,500 for the Royal British Legion.

He works as a debt purchase manager for the West Malling-based firm, which employs more than 400 and buys consumer debts from banks and other major lending companies.

He was one of more than 300 riders who completed the event – now in its 15th year – over four days. The first day was the longest and most gruelling, covering 83 miles from Greenwich to Calais via Dover.

Motorcycle outriders ensured the riders' safety on a route that climaxed with an adrenaline-fuelled ascent to the Arc de Triomphe and a ceremony beneath the Arc, including a rousing rendition of La Marseillaise.

Mr Vant said: "The aching legs and muscles have all been worth it for such a good cause."

La Manche? Le Munch

EATING OUT: Simon Reed of Rough Old Wife and Paul Babra of Canterbury Curry Club

By **STEVE LOADER**

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ENTREPRENEURS in Kent are getting in touch with their Continental side through a free translation service to woo French, Belgian and Dutch customers.

Canterbury City Council set up the service as part of its Transmanche Enterprise Network (TEN) Project, providing funding to assist sole traders and local businesses targeting markets in France and Belgium.

"The first thing a business needs to do if it's going to reach out overseas is to connect with its customer base and speak the language," said project manager Natalia Sukhram. "A translated website is essential."

The scheme also offers French and Dutch language lessons, and financial support to attend conferences and networking events in France and Belgium.

Jules Serkin, owner of Whitstable-based PR firm PressupGroup and holiday rentals company Seavilla.eu was the first to use the service.

She said: "During the credit crisis, business in France in particular has become crucial for me. The French economy is relatively well insulated. I'm now in discussions with my first French clients as a direct result of TEN Project's translation."

And the site has also helped Paul Babra to introduce the French and Belgians to his home-cooked gourmet curries. The founder of Canterbury Curry Club said: "Samosa to the Indians are like croissants for the French, fish and chips to the English and frankfurters for the Germans.

"As we are so near to France and cook on-site, I thought it might be a good idea to give them a flavour of authentic spice workshops, Indian curry, Bollywood and bhangra dance experience."

Simon Reed, co-owner of Rough Old Wife cider-maker at Old Wives Lees, said the site had won an increasing number of inquiries from small specialist shops in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

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Ensuring a soft landing for the ailing Eagles

AWARD-winning Tunbridge Wells-based accountancy Creaseys played a key role in the 11th-hour deal to save ailing Championship football club Crystal Palace.

A team from Creaseys supplied the 'assist' for entrepreneur Martin Long's goal to arrange and structure his investment in CPFC 2010, the new vehicle formed to acquire the south London club from administrators.

"This deal ensured Crystal Palace could fulfil its fixtures and continue trading," explained Creaseys tax partner Richard Holme, who led the firm's team along with fellow tax partner Elizabeth Robertson. "The day after the deal was concluded, the club celebrated with a nail-biting victory over Leicester City," he added.

By **STEVE LOADER**
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Martin Long, founder of Churchill Insurance and previously co-founder of Direct Line, is a lifelong Palace fan and became joint chairman along with Steve Parish, owner of marketing agency Tag Worldwide.

"We were delighted to be involved and enjoyed working closely with Martin to best structure matters for his benefit," said Mr Holme.

"We are pleased this has given Crystal Palace the opportunity to continue in business and, hopefully, thrive under the new owners. Tax planning for transactions such as this forms an important part of the work we do at Creaseys.

"In this relatively harsh climate, it is important to plan arrangements carefully in advance."

ON THE BALL: Richard Holme and Elizabeth Robertson show their support for Palace

Mr Long was complimentary about backing from the Lonsdale Gardens-based accountancy, which has 90 staff. He said: "I was glad to receive good advice from Richard and his team and would feel confident in recommending their services," he said.

Mr Holme admits his allegiances lie with another unnamed London football club, but did happen to be in the crowd when Palace recorded their largest-ever attendance (51,482) in May 1979 in a match against Burnley.

Crystal Palace FC – The Eagles – was founded in 1905 by workers at the Crystal Palace exhibition halls and moved to its present stadium, Selhurst Park, in 1924.

Making tax simpler – but not easier

DESPITE the launch of the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS) last month, a Kent accountancy firm says things may not get any easier as the Government looks to tackle the UK debt mountain.

Chancellor George Osborne wants the new body to supply independent advice on overhauling taxation.

But Simon Warne (pictured left), tax partner at Horwath Clark Whitehill of Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, fears that even as the new office seeks to trim whole sectors of Britain's tortuous tax process, there will be temptations to add new ones.

He said: "It's difficult to calculate how much of our income goes to the Government but in terms of income tax, National Insurance and VAT, we are working for the taxman for three months of the year.

"However, when you consider all the taxes we pay that generally go unnoticed, we are actually working five months of the year just to pay tax. In terms of business, it has long been agreed the UK tax system is overly complex. The primary code is 11,000 pages and thought to be the longest in the world.

"National Insurance is simply added to central government tax receipts, so it would seem sensible to scrap it. Vehicle Excise Duty is a good example of how difficult tax simplification is. Introduced in 1920, it was ring-fenced to road projects until 1937 when it became just another tax. There are plenty of other candidates that could go."

The OTS could advocate scrapping some taxes altogether. A key brief is reducing compliance burdens on businesses and individuals and the first two reviews will focus on small business tax simplification and tax reliefs.

Mr Warne said: "Successive governments have sought to impose political objectives through the tax system and to differentiate themselves from their predecessors.

"The Treasury and HMRC, both of which seek to close perceived loopholes, add further complexity. In recent years the rate at which new legislation is being added has increased and the case for simplification is clear."

But he added: "The OTS will need to work fast as pressures to add complexity will continue. Recently ministers were asked to consider a proposal that people who buy a poorly insulated property should have to pay an extra levy on top of stamp duty. In the same week there were moves to tax graduates and to reinstate a death contribution tax to fund care for the elderly. Overall the impact on gross tax revenues is expected to be neutral.

"However, simplification is still worth pursuing. We can expect some good reports from the OTS but the real results will only be seen in future finance bills when we find out which taxes are to be scrapped."

SMALL businesses operating from single premises could soon be eligible for substantial rate relief, according to local tax specialist Francis Walsh.

The proprietor of TaxAssist Accountants in Maidstone said the Government's announcement of an increase in small business rate relief could make the difference. "As of October 1, traders and retailers who operate out of single premises will receive 100 per cent rate relief on properties up to £6,000 rateable value instead of 50 per cent, and a tapering relief from 100 per cent down to zero per cent for properties up to £12,000," he said.

"The news follows an announcement that small business rate relief thresholds have also increased.

"Businesses are now eligible if they operate from one property with a rateable value up to £18,000 – an increase of £3,000. Further properties with values lower than £2,600 are disregarded – up £400 on the previous level."

He said eligible businesses should continue to pay rates in accordance with their latest bill and await contact from the local authority. They only need to make contact if they became ineligible for relief.

"Some businesses should be applying for further relief," he said. "Charities and amateur sports clubs, for example, could have their bills reduced by 80 per cent or more. Small businesses should ensure they are receiving everything they are entitled to."

NEXT WEEK: Business Week Spotlight will focus on commercial property/facilities

Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 **50 YEARS AGO:** EXPECTATIONS were high ahead of a derby between Tunbridge Wells United and Tonbridge Angels in the second qualifying round of the FA Cup.

United, struggling in the Southern League, had won their first league game of the season the previous week, beating Cambridge United 5-2 at home, but although Tonbridge had made heavy weather of beating Bexhill in the previous round, needing a replay, they were still considered heavy favourites, having signed Ron Skyme from Merthyr the previous week.

The Angels won 2-1 in an uninspiring game, with manager Harry Haslam admitting his side had been "lucky" to win through to the next round, where they were drawn at home against Hastings United.

1985 **25 YEARS AGO:** TONBRIDGE Angels' Southern League Southern Division game at Trowbridge was nearly called off when fire broke out at the home side's ground, engulfing the main stand.

The stand itself was wrecked and one floodlight buckled, but the ground was declared safe and after changing at a nearby school, Trowbridge won 2-1 courtesy of a controversial late penalty. Tony Booth scored the Angels' goal.

Tonbridge shrugged off the loss to produce their best display of the season to beat Burnham & Hillingdon 2-0 in a midweek game, with Colin Blewden and Dave Ward hitting the target.

Laurie Potter, the Bexleyheath-born, Australian-raised all-rounder, rejected the offer of a new contract with Kent as the exodus from St Lawrence continued, following Graham Johnson's sacking and the retirement of Alan Knott.

2000 **10 YEARS AGO:** AFTER a season of repeated failures by the specialist batsmen, it was no surprise when David Masters and Martin Saggers were named Kent's joint players of the year.

In his debut summer with his home county, Masters took 48 first-class wickets at 24.19, while Saggers was the leading wicket taker in the County Championship with 57 at 20.14 apiece.

New hotel to help club in pitch for big tournaments

Success of planning application is vital to London Club's hopes of return of major events to course

By DAVID PRITCHARD

LONDON Golf Club bosses insist hosting another high-profile tournament at the Kent course is not a "viable option" until plans for a hotel on site are approved.

The venue, near Ash, has a track record of successfully staging big tournaments, culminating in two events on the men's European Tour. Around 90,000 spectators attended the most recent European Open, in 2009, but a lack of sponsorship prevented the Tour returning this year.

With demands on host courses from sponsors and organisers increasing dramatically, the London Club submitted a planning application to build a 130-bed hotel and leisure facilities in a bid to keep pace with their ambitions.

With this in mind they put together a bid for the 2015 Solheim Cup – the biggest event in women's golf – but earlier this month Forest Pines in Lincolnshire won the right to represent the UK.

In a letter to the London Club from Mark Casey, European Solheim Cup director at the Ladies European Tour, the lack of a decision on the development had proved crucial.

He said: "One of the significant reasons for your submission not being given Preferred UK Bid Status was that whilst you have submitted planning application to build a hotel, this has still to be approved.

"We therefore felt that we could not take the risk of appointing a venue without such guarantee and have appointed another venue which does have an appropriate hotel and ancillary facilities on site."

It is not the only tournament which the club has missed out on. Earlier this year they were in talks to host an event next season on the Seniors Tour. Although it would have been a lower profile event than either the Solheim Cup or the European Open, the lack of on site facilities again stalled progress.

Austen Gravestock, general manager at the London Club, said: "They felt without a high-quality hotel on site it really wasn't a viable option. Our inability to get Preferred Bid Status for the Solheim Cup is a good reflection of what we're trying to do – i.e. we need to strengthen our facilities by having some good quality accommodation.

"The planning application will provide – if granted – some magnificent accommodation. It takes us to another level; we would be up there alongside some of the biggest names in the sport in the UK and therefore be able to pitch for the biggest events."

Nine months on from submitting the planning application to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, the club hope to have an answer on the proposed development before Christmas. It is not without controversy and has attracted some criticism from residents and organisations, mainly due to the loss of greenbelt land.

Gravestock acknowledges the concerns, but believes the economic benefits to the area, coupled with a sympathetic design, make the project an exception.

"We realise this is an application that needs diligent and careful consideration, hopefully we can come up with the right result for the local planning authority, ourselves and the local community," he said.

"Of course you would expect some degree of opposition, especially given that it is on greenbelt land. It's up to us to put forward a very special circumstance against that and that's hopefully what we are demonstrating to the local planning authority."

NEXT LEVEL: Impressions of the new hotel (left). It would be built at the back of the green on the 3rd hole on the Heritage Course (above)

DOING HER BRIT: Renee Busch (far right) with Great Britain's under-20s

Suns out again

ANOTHER season of top-level women's basketball is in store for Sevenoaks Suns as they prepare to challenge for honours on several fronts.

The Suns' under-16 and under-18 sides are expected to compete with the country's finest throughout the campaign, while the senior side should remain competitive in Division One of the English Basketball League.

While one of their star players, Femi Hamilton, has left to play high-school basketball in the USA, the Suns have been boosted by the arrival of Ireland under-20 international Aisling Sullivan and Frankie Morton, from Brighton.

The under-18s start their league season at home to Chiltern Pumas next Sunday, while the seniors and under-16s are still three weeks away from a return to competitive fixtures.

Meanwhile, Renee Busch, who will feature heavily for the Suns under-18s and seniors, enjoyed a successful summer as she achieved promotion to the European 'A' Division with Great Britain's under-20 side.

New skipper eyes promotion for the Wells

PROMOTION is the ultimate goal for Tunbridge Wells Hockey Club's 1st XI this season although new captain Gavin Rimmer insists their vision is more long-term.

Having taken over as skipper of the first-team for this season, Rimmer is enthusiastic about the challenge laid out before him, with the Wells looking to bounce back after relegation from Kent/Sussex Two last season.

Several young talents have returned to the club after moving away to study and Rimmer believes his side are perfectly equipped to begin climbing back up the hockey pyramid.

"Our main goal is promotion, we want to go straight back up," he said. "It's really exciting, there are quite a lot of youngsters coming through and a lot of lads back from university, so it's a pretty good squad building up for the next two or three years. We are building together for the next three years and we want everyone to play together as a team."

The 1st XI start life in Kent Division One at home to Sutton Valence 2nds next Saturday, having run Valence's 1sts close in a 3-1 defeat during pre-season.

Picture: RICHARD GREENWOOD

HOPEFUL: Tunbridge Wells men's 1st XI squad bid for promotion after last season's drop

Pete Hill and Ben Backx are among the students returning to bolster the Wells, while big things are expected of Sam Hart, Chris Pelmore and Sam Clarke-Knowles.

The addition of Sevenoaks' Pete Turner to the Wells coaching staff is another indication of the club's desire to reverse the trend of recent years, which has seen them suffer back-to-back demotions.

IMPACT: Mike Conway's car disintegrates as it smashes into the wall at the Indy 500 at 220mph – but the racer (inset) has made an astonishing recovery from the accident which left him with fractures in his back and leg

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Conway eyes a return in season's final race

By TOM HOWARD

Indy driver refuses to look back in his recovery from horrific 220mph smash

INDY 500 crash survivor Mike Conway will discover next week if he will make a miraculous return to the cockpit for the final round of the Indycar season.

The racer from Sevenoaks, who cheated death by escaping a horrific 220mph accident at the Indianapolis 500 in May, has been in a race against time to prove his fitness in order to make his return to the championship in Miami next Sunday.

The 26-year-old escaped the scene of the accident with fractures to his back and left leg which sidelined him for three months.

The ex-Formula 3 champion has been involved in a rigorous recovery programme involving physiotherapy, kriotherapy and racing simulators to build up the strength in his leg and back.

On Thursday he completed a medical in a bid to prove his fitness to compete at the Homestead Speedway and a decision is due to be announced on Monday. Although pleased with the pace of his recovery, he believes a return to racing next season is most likely.

He told Speedtv said: "It was a possibility; it's still a bit undecided. It would have been good to get back for the final race, definitely, but the goal is long-term, not just Homestead, so that's where we've focused. I fly out Monday for the States.

"I'll be at Homestead regardless, and can't wait to see everyone and to support the guys fighting for the championship."

Conway is yet to announce his plans for next season, but is keen on agreeing a deal to return to the Indycar series for a third season.

Before suffering the accident, which cut short his campaign, he recorded three top 10 finishes from the first five races of the season and was primed to threaten for podium places.

Bridger dropped as F3 season shudders to a halt

SINGLE-SEATER racer Jay Bridger faces an uncertain future after being dropped by Formula 3 team Litespeed for the final round of the season at Brands Hatch this weekend.

The 22-year-old was due to complete the British Formula 3 campaign at his home circuit this weekend, but his Norfolk-based team decided to replace him with A1GP star Robbie Kerr.

Bridger, who has driven for Litespeed for two years, said he is frustrated by the team's decision and has been left to contemplate his future for next season.

The year hasn't gone to plan for the ex-Formula 3 National Class champion, with car problems thwarting his efforts, while his best results came at Hockenheim in May where he finished fourth and sixth.

Bridger said: "I'm massively disappointed by the news. We haven't progressed the way we wanted and I wasn't particularly happy about it. I spoke to members of the team asking for changes - in the end they made the changes, but they have also changed the driver as well.

"It's not enjoyable running around at the back and I wanted to get results for the team. We had some good results in Hockenheim, but it's been a difficult year and I haven't enjoyed it. I'm speaking to people already for next year so we will see. I'm looking at everything from single-seaters to GT racing, I'm sure I will be out racing next year."

REPLACED: Jay Bridger will not race at Brands after being dropped for Robbie Kerr

Picture: BRITISH F3

CONTENDER: Jake Hill still has a chance to win the Ginetta Junior Championship

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Double win keeps Hill in the title race

TEEN racer Jake Hill became the most successful driver in the Ginetta Junior Championship's history after picking up a double win at Donington Park last weekend.

The 16-year-old from Goudhurst, entered the meeting needing to win both races to take the title fight into the final round at Brands Hatch next month, and he duly delivered.

The second of the two victories was Hill's 12th career win, making him the most successful driver in the series' five-year history.

He said: "The weekend was fantastic and it was one of the best races I've ever been in.

"It's mega to take my second double victory of the season and keep the championship battle alive as we head to my home track at Brands Hatch."

The two wins also put him back in the championship title race and he is now 42 points behind leader Tom Ingram with 74 points to play for at Brands Hatch.

Elsewhere, in the British Touring Car Championship, Motorbase Performance kept their independent team title bid intact with a solid points haul to leave them second.

The Wrotham-based team finished all three races in the top eight, which included a podium for Mat Jackson, who finished third in race one. Steven Kane also produced a stunning drive to finish sixth from 21st on the grid.

LEGEND: John Surtees behind the wheel of his beloved Ferrari once again

Picture: MICHAEL COLE

Surtees takes drive down memory lane

MOTORSPORT icon John Surtees was honoured at the Goodwood Revival festival last weekend.

The 74-year-old from Edenbridge, who remains the only man to win the world title on both two wheels and four, celebrated his achievements at the West Sussex circuit.

He was reunited with more than 25 cars and bikes he used during a career which saw him win seven World Motorcycle Championships as well as the Formula One world title in 1964.

It was perhaps fitting for the circuit to honour the racing legend this year, as it was at Goodwood 50 years ago where he competed in his first car race in the Formula Junior Championship.

He finished second behind ex-Formula One world champion Jim Clark. Surtees retired from racing in 1972.

Bonus points rule creating free-flowing rugby

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

LEASE OF LIFE: Clubs like Sevenoaks (with ball) have welcomed bonus points ruling

THE rugby season may not yet be a month old, but the nationwide introduction of bonus points throughout the sport has already changed the outlook for our clubs.

Previously used only at National League level and above, the system is intended to offer an added incentive for teams during games and it has already been welcomed around the county.

Two west Kent clubs expected to challenge for league honours this season, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Juddians, both feel the addition of bonus points has breathed new life into the regional game.

Oaks won their first two games in London 2 South East, but they failed to score the fourth try against Aylesford Bulls which would have merited the extra point. Chairman Lee Adamson admitted the disappointment, albeit minor, was felt by the players.

He said: "While it's good to win, we're already a point behind two other teams. "It's definitely having an impact in the players' minds – as soon as they got the third try, they had it in their mind to get a fourth. Everyone's received it pretty well and the rugby this season is going to be very exciting."

The race for promotion from London 1 South promises to be hotly-contested and Tonbridge Juddians coach Peter Dankert admits bonus points could prove the difference.

Having romped to the title last year, he knows it will not be so easy for TJs this time around and he believes the bonus points may work to his side's advantage.

"With the bonus points system you can make up a loss within four games," Dankert said. "Losing a game isn't the be-all and end-all, that's why it's so good – it allows you to recover from a blip. We always say win the game first and foremost. Getting the four points is the first objective and if we're playing well we should score four or more tries."

Could football reap the reward from free entry?

Rugby clubhouse tills ring to tune of cash during derby

By STEVE TERVET

A BUMPER crowd of 650 turned out to watch the west Kent rugby derby last weekend, comfortably outdoing any other sports fixture in the area.

Yet none of those paid an entry fee for the game between Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge Juddians at St Mark's, but still the home side managed to treble their regular takings with the majority of supporters splashing out for programmes, food and drink throughout the afternoon.

While other clubs from other sports in the west of the county continue to struggle financially as they rely predominantly on the handful of people coming through the turnstiles, perhaps senior football teams may look at something different in the future.

Attendance

Supporters have to pay sometimes as much as £9 to watch the likes of Tonbridge Angels, Tunbridge Wells or Sevenoaks Town and their early-season attendance figures indicate football may be missing a trick when it comes to swelling the coffers.

Sevenoaks' first three home games of the Kent League season were watched by a cumulative total of just 151 fans, while only 65 turned up to see the Wells beaten by Greenwich Borough last weekend.

The picture is moderately brighter for Angels, who have averaged home gates of 385 two levels up the football pyramid in the Ryman Premier Division.

Wells RFC chairman Roger Clarke said: "It was a tremendous day for local rugby and I don't think a crowd of 600-plus is something Tunbridge Wells Football Club could dream of.

"We kept everybody in the clubhouse after and that's an opportunity to make more money. Those fans who aren't regulars might go to Tonbridge Juddians when they're at home, but even if they rotate, it's all good for local rugby."

Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

WELL SUPPORTED: Hundreds turned out to watch the Tunbridge Wells (in white) v Tonbridge Juddians derby clash last weekend

The 29-7 win for TJs was only part of the offering for fans at St Mark's, who also enjoyed a hog roast and bar areas both outside and in the Wells clubhouse.

Rugby is not the only sport to benefit from the free entry policy, with the London Golf Club, near Ash, also proving how attractive the concept is for supporters.

A bumper first-day crowd of 24,000 visited the club for the first day at the 2008 European Open and when the deal ran throughout the whole event a year later, ticket applications dwarfed the European Tour's target, totalling 82,000.

Tunbridge Wells FC are now admitting spectators free of charge for their Kent League game against Sporting Bengal United on October 16, placing the onus on their players to sufficiently impress the newcomers and it's a ploy several football clubs have adopted in Kent with varying degrees of success.

BOZZY'S DIARY

TONBRIDGE Athletic Club's Tom Bosworth heads to Delhi with the England team for the Commonwealth Games next week, for what will be the most high-profile tournament of his career. The 20-year-old, who lives in Sevenoaks, takes part in the 20k race walk on October 9.

Here is the first of his exclusive diary entries for KOS Media:

'Fear for success of Games has overtaken race nerves'

AFTER receiving my team kit last week it became very real that I was part of the England Commonwealth team, and it finally hit home that I would be competing in India in just under two weeks time.

I have one more session in the environmental chamber at Leeds Carnegie which will be a nice feeling after spending the last three weeks training at 30°C and 60 per cent humidity in attempt to prepare for conditions in Delhi. I'm then off to our holding camp in Doha at the beginning of next week.

However, in the week before I am due to fly out, all over the news is the collapsing bridge outside the main stadium, the terrible state of the athletes' village and even the chance of the Games being called off altogether.

Fear for the success of the Games have taken over nerves about the race.

Thoughts have gone through my mind over my own safety as well as my family and travelling fans in Delhi.

I must say though, that in the run up to our departure, England Athletics have been very supportive and have educated all participants as well as possible, which has included providing us with videos of where we are staying and supplying medical kits.

I have my full trust in Team England security and team staff as well as the Commonwealth organisers to ensure we have a safe and memorable Games.

Right now I'm the fittest I have ever been and am ready to race, but a lot can change in a few weeks, so I'm keeping my feet firmly on the ground. It's been a long build-up to what will be an incredible tournament and I can't wait to be standing on the start line on October 9.

Just before I leave I had the chance to visit the walking team at Tonbridge AC, led by my coach of seven years, Peter Selby, who looked after me before I moved to the race walking centre in Leeds.

I know they are there backing me all the way, just like they have been over the last few years as my career has developed.

• ***Follow Tom's progress during the Commonwealth Games via our twitter page at www.twitter.com/kentsport.***

Heath threat holds no fear for fired up Wells

Players will take positives from derby defeat, says Clarke

By STEVE TERVET

Haywards Heath RFC v Tunbridge Wells RFC

KICK-OFF 3PM AT WHITMANS GREEN

TUNBRIDGE Wells may have only two league points to their name, but they travel to West Sussex full of belief after a positive display against their fiercest rivals.

Last Saturday's west Kent derby with Tonbridge Juddians saw the Wells beaten 29-7, but the scoreline would have been closer had the hosts displayed more clinical finishing.

TJs ran in four tries to pick up their bonus point while Ollie Lewis-Donaldson crossed for the Wells' solitary touchdown, leaving club chairman Roger Clarke to dwell on what might have been.

He said: "The two sides were equal in midfield play, but the difference was their finishing. Individually, they're a semi-professional outfit so they should be a better team, but they weren't overly exciting.

"We are heartened because we're not that much inferior in terms of our overall quality and they knew they were in a game."

James Lineham has returned to university and will play no part for the Wells today, although Tom Hathaway is back to strengthen their pack against a Haywards Heath side that sit fifth in London 1 South.

The arrival of overseas player Tim Wells from New Zealand is another boost for the visitors, who are just beginning to gel under new coach Jim Scully.

Clarke said: "They've got 11 points and we've got two from three games. They haven't been scoring a huge amounts of points and they are shipping a few.

"Our players are spirited, they're motivated and when people get used to playing with each other, I'm sure our finishing will get better."

Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

ENCOURAGING: Tunbridge Wells (in white) gave Tonbridge Juddians a battle last week

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

POINTLESS: Cranbrook have lost their first two games in London 3 South East

Cranes seek to Crawl way back

Crawley RFC v Cranbrook RFC

KICK-OFF 3PM AT WILLOUGHBY FIELDS

AFTER back-to-back defeats, Cranbrook head to fellow London 3 South East newcomers Crawley aiming to pick up their first points of the season.

The Cranes, who won promotion to the division via the play-offs last season, have found the step up a challenge, but despite defeats to Folkestone and Crowborough thus far, they remain confident of a first victory this afternoon.

They take on Crawley who are also yet to get off the mark this season and Cranbrook director of rugby, Mike Catt, believes his side are more than capable of ending their losing run.

He said: "We know a bit about them from last season. They have also lost their opening games so we should see where we are.

"Our backs were exceptional last week against Crowborough, but our forward line needs work. The backs have settled into the new division and our forwards need to follow. This is something we will be working on more with the coaches."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

NO MISTAKES: Keith Levett (right) wants his players to fight back after last week's defeat

Levett looking for a big Town response

Sevenoaks Town v Fisher

KICK-OFF 3PM AT GREATNESS PARK

CUTTING out individual errors is the task Keith Levett has set his Sevenoaks Town side when they host Fisher in the Kent League this afternoon.

Town slipped to their second league defeat of the season last Saturday when they were beaten 4-2 at Deal Town. With several defensive errors costing his side a possible victory, Levett, the Town manager, is looking for a response from his players this afternoon.

The manager, who has brought in several new faces this month, says his side still need to gel and is looking to his more experienced players to help eliminate the errors.

He said: "We're making too many individual errors and it is costing us goals. At times against Deal we were the better side, but it's frustrating for the players and staff when we are punished for errors in defence.

"We are a Jekyll and Hyde type of side at the moment. Confidence is an issue at times in games, but on the whole we are playing well. I think this is a game we can win, but we will have to play to our potential."

Skipper Joe Creasey and on-loan Woking striker Ollie Palmer are available to return to the side today.

CHALLENGE: Sevenoaks (in blue) take on old rivals Maidstone today

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

Oaks set to renew rivalry with Stones in county derby clash

Maidstone RFC v Sevenoaks RFC

KICK-OFF 3PM AT THE MOTE

TWO old rivals renew acquaintances this afternoon as Sevenoaks put their 100 per cent record on the line against a Maidstone side who were relegated last season.

Oaks followed up their opening-day win at Old Dunstonians by beating Aylesford Bulls 22-14 last Saturday, with tries from David Jones, Adam Field and Mike Walton.

They were, however, frustrated in their attempts to score a fourth and secure a bonus point and chairman Lee Adamson says Maidstone represent a stiff test today.

"It's nice to be playing Maidstone again," he said. "We've not been in the same league for a few seasons, but they're a traditional fixture and we enjoy playing them.

"On the pitch, they've had a tough couple of seasons, but we hear they are starting to regroup very nicely. Certainly in our history of playing them they have always been difficult opponents and we never have easy games against them.

"We have a few injuries and absentee problems, but that's where having a good squad comes in."

Maidstone, so dismal in their demotion from London 1 South last season, are looking to steady themselves at this level under new coach Andy Foley, with mixed results so far.

Old Mid-Whitgiftian were put to the sword, 40-6, on the opening weekend, but Maidstone then came unstuck at Deal & Betteshanger last Saturday, losing 20-9.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

WIN: Sevenoaks' Cathy Gilliat-Smith

HOCKEY preview

THERE were mixed results for Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells last weekend as both clubs took their first steps of the new hockey season.

Sevenoaks ladies got off to a flyer in Conference East as they thumped Cambridge City 4-0, although the Oaks men were beaten 2-1 at Wimbledon on Sunday.

With the Londoners expected to challenge for the title, Oaks will not feel too dispirited ahead of Indian Gymkhana's visit to Hollybush Lane this weekend. The ladies, meanwhile, are away to St Albans.

There were mixed fortunes for the Wells ladies on the opening weekend of the season, with the first-team beaten 2-0 by St Albans 1A XI in East Hockey Division One South, while the 2nds won 1-0 at home to Marden Russets.

A trip to Ashford awaits the 2nds this afternoon, while the 1st XI will look to notch up their first points of the season away to Old Loughtonians 2nds.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

LADIES: St Albans 1st XI v **Sevenoaks 1st XI** (1.30pm); Canterbury 2nd XI v **Sevenoaks 2nd XI**; Old Loughtonians 2nd XI v **Tunbridge Wells 1st XI**; Ashford 1st XI v **Tunbridge Wells 2nd XI** (11.30am)
MEN: Sevenoaks 1st XI v Indian Gymkhana 1st XI

Picture: BRITISH F3

VICTORY LAP: Champion Jean-Eric Vergne

Race for second spot in British F3 finale at Brands

FORMULA One stars of the future will descend on Brands Hatch this weekend as the circuit hosts the final round of the British F3 Championship.

Frenchman Jean-Eric Vergne may have already sewn up the title, but the battle to finish runner-up will dominate proceedings at the 2.3-mile West Kingsdown Grand Prix circuit.

Vergne has dominated the highly-competitive single-seater series with 13 wins this season and is fast becoming a name with the potential to break into Formula One. While the Red Bull Racing junior driver is expected to star this weekend, Brits James Calado and Oli Webb will battle it out for the runners-up spot.

Horsmonden racer Jay Bridger, who has been racing for the Litespeed team this season, was due to race at the meeting, but he has been replaced by former A1GP driver Robbie Kerr.

The penultimate round of the British GT Championship will also take place at the circuit this weekend.

The first of three Formula 3 races this weekend begins at 2.05pm on Saturday.

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RUCK OF THE IRISH BIG THREAT TO TJs

Table toppers are first test of title hopes and winning streak

By DAVID PRITCHARD

Tonbridge Juddians RFC v London Irish Amateur RFC

KICK-OFF 3PM AT THE SLADE

THE only two sides with perfect records in London 1 South meet at The Slade this afternoon in an early test of Tonbridge Juddians' title ambitions.

TJs and London Irish Amateur have netted three bonus point victories so far, with today's visitors sitting top of the pile thanks to a superior points difference. The clubs are on a similar trajectory up the rugby pyramid and have shown no problems adapting to the division after romping to their respective league titles last season.

A 29-7 win in the derby with Tunbridge Wells last weekend extended TJs' unbeaten league streak to 46 games, but the Irish Amateurs, who share training facilities with their Premiership cousins, are likely to put that record to the test.

Ambition

Coach Peter Dankert believes the form and ambition of the two sides gives the game an added significance, but that it is too early in the campaign to suggest it will be decisive.

He said: "We're expecting a very tough game. It won't have a direct result on the league come April, but winning this game will definitely put down a marker, that's for sure. Whatever happens the sides just below us would not count themselves out of it and neither would London Irish if they lost.

WINNING STREAK: TJs extended their winning league run to 46 games against Wells but face a tough test against league leaders London Irish Amateur today Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

"We've had plenty of tough games in this run, but one thing I would say is the players raise themselves to a challenge. Some games we've had have been too easy, but a challenge gets the best out of the players."

TJs have no injury concerns for the game after coming through last weekend's trip to St Mark's unscathed.

Although they ran in four tries to claim a bonus point, TJs did not reach top gear in front of a bumper crowd of about 650. Dankert felt the performance was more down to the host's application rather than a dip in his own side's levels.

He said: "It was a shame the game didn't live up to the atmosphere and conditions. We probably didn't fire on all cylinders, but to be honest we weren't allowed to hit the heights. Tunbridge Wells tackled immensely well and shut down the runners. To their credit they were the reason we were put under pressure."

Wells need cup form to transfer to league

Tunbridge Wells v Corinthian

KICK-OFF 3PM AT CULVERDEN STADIUM

LAST week's thumping victory over East Preston will count for nothing today if Tunbridge Wells fail to translate their cup form into Kent League points, ***writes Steve Tervet.***

That's the view of manager Martin Larkin who has seen his team excite and frustrate in equal measure recently, and is desperate to discover the consistency needed to construct a meaningful push up the table.

Alex Flisher's hat-trick was the highlight as the Wells strolled to a 6-2 victory over the Sussex League side, setting up a meeting in the first-round proper with Corinthian, today's visitors in the league.

Success in the cup competitions may grab the imagination more than league progress, but Larkin had no hesitation when asked which of the two Corinthian games he would rather win.

"Definitely the league game," he said. "We've got three or four in hand and if we win them, we'll be up there. We had [Corinthian] watched at the weekend so we've got a good report on them.

"They're a decent side, different to last season, they've got a couple of centre-forwards in and a new coach so they're very good going forward and we need to counter that."

Larkin trialled a new formation in the win over East Preston with Keelan Mooney playing as the lone striker and Carl Cornell handed a free role.

The system is likely to remain in place today, with Benji Agana recovering from a back injury sustained at work, although the striker is expected to take his place on the bench. Sam Phillips, who is away at a wedding, is today's only absentee.

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FREE ROLE: Carl Cornell has licence to roam today

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